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Comments: Dear Jim,

I had hoped we could go look at how the proposed logging would change the hiking trails that WODC maintains. Any cutting that causes brush to grow near the trails makes more work for the volunteers who tend the trails and should be avoided. Hopefully, the big trees we enjoy so much will be left standing.

Please do not decommission any trails or sections of trails as this would have no benefit. If the proposed Cabin Trail relocation happens it will make access to the Lawrence Trail and Mt. Paugus a straight shot on good terrain for maintenance and rescue.

The power line Right of Way (ROW) should count as early successional habitat. It seems they mow the ROW every 5 years. After the last timber sale there was Christmas tree cutting and snowmobile activity off trail.

Please consider trying to prevent this with extra signage about permits for trees and working with the snowmobile club to keep off trail use off of the power line corridor from increasing.

Cumulative Actions

How was the rebuilding of the Eversource power line considered in Cumulative Actions? The Alteration of Terrain permit identifies impacts to wetlands, etc. Please add these impacts in your analysis.

I don't believe just looking at Intent to Cut filings show how much "Cumulative Actions" have taken place on private lands adjacent to the HMU. Intents to Cut are not always filed, development involving land clearing, heavy cutting, conversion, and a minor amount of actual Forestry have occurred from Bennet St. and all along Mt. Israel Rd. These impacts along with the power line work should be considered in this project as cumulative.

I do not support this project and ask that you drop Units 19-20 due to their proximity to the Cold River headwater wetlands.

Sincerely,

Fred Lavigne

Evelyn MacKinnon