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Comments: I would like to state my strong opposition to this project. My family has owned the land directly south of the proposed cuts (namely Map 3) for four generations and I have come to this area every summer for 30+ years.

In particular I am extremely concerned about:

1. The impact to recreation, namely the Liberty Trail. The Liberty Trail is the most popular trail up Chocorua and the one that is most family-friendly. This hike is one of the best hikes in New Hampshire, too, since the view from the rocky peak of Chocorua is incredible and a perfect picnic spot for families -- both local families but also many visitors who come for recreation/hiking/etc. We were planning to take my 8-year-old godson up Liberty next year! But this would close the Liberty Trail for up to 5-10 years and absolutely ruin the views from the Liberty Trail for years to come. I would not be able to take my children up the same hike I did as a child.
2. The noise pollution and impact to the natural beauty. The view from Fowlers Mill Road is one of the best views of Chocorua and this will scar it for decades. Plus, the proposed cuts will mean extreme noise pollution for 5-10 years, right next to the homes of many residents.
3. The ecological/environmental impact! These seem like huge clear cuts of popular woodland, based on a legally outdated US Forestry plan that expired 3 years ago, and not at all in line with the current need to preserve mature forests (Biden's 2022 directive) as much as possible. After a summer of wildfires, floods, and other extreme weather events, I am strongly opposed to cutting down mature forests that have more carbon-capture capacity than young forests. Some LIMITED cuts can be good for the health of the forest, but not as dramatic clear cuts as are proposed here.

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