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Comments: With regards to the USFS Timber Harvest scheduled for Mt Chocorua and in the nearby Sandwich Range, I am concerned about the potential negative impacts of this planned harvest on hiking trails on Mt Chocorua, Mt Paugus, and in the Sandwich Range and two popular trailhead parking lots.

One planned harvest area is immediately adjacent to the Liberty and Brook Trails on Mt Chocorua and includes a large prescribed fire area. The plan does not include any forest buffer between the designated harvest area and the hiking trails. Heavy machinery and skid trails would cross hiking trails. The Liberty and Brook Trailhead parking lot and Ferncroft parking lot would each be partially closed for months during logging operations.

There is also the impact to wildlife habitat that will be effected.