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Comments: I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed logging operation known as the "Sandwich Vegetation Management Project. " I am concerned for several reasons.

Scenic recreation areas will be disturbed. Much of the proposed logging is along major trails and trail heads. Several trails will be frequently closed. The views from Mt. Chocorua and Mt. Israel will be disfigured.

This healthy, mature forest, untouched since the 1800's, stores large amounts of carbon. Logging and burning these forests would release carbon into the atmosphere and worsen the climate crisis. In fact President Biden issued an executive order in 2022 directing the Forest Service to conserve mature forests.

The construction of roads, skid trails, and landings required for a logging operation threatens wild life habitat, worsens local water quality, heightens the risk of flooding and threatens to introduce invasive species.

The Forest Service based their plan for this project on a 2005 Forest Management Plan, which became outdated three years ago. The dangers of climate change are more clearly understood now and any "Vegetation Management Project "should be based on an updated plan.

Please reconsider Project 57392. Thank you.