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Comments: To whom it may concern;

I have been hiking the Chocorua Trails since I was a young child. I am now 82. You can do the arithmetic. Say, at least 75 years. Our ACMP guide is threadbare.

Are any of you on the decision-making end of this project near that old or have such a long and continuous intimacy with this land? Do not enter, where angels fear to tread.

Just last summer I walked again the Liberty/Brook trail. This is already beautiful, wide-open forest, full of wildlife, not a fire hazard. It would be sacrilege to open swathe harvest trees here. The scarring, the noise pollution, the years and years for recovery -- not on my watch.

This is sacred land. I'm remembering growing up with the poems of Robert Frost ringing in my ears. These poems resonate with my soul about the silent beauty of our forests. e e cummings was a neighbor of ours. I am certain he would never have condoned such a travesty as you are proposing.

Enough said. My message is clear:

DO NOT PROCEED WITH THIS LOGGING PROJECT!

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES TO CUT AND DESTROY.

There is something to be said for simply allowing a forest to be a forest. Allowing it to grow and die in its own timing. We do not know better than Nature herself knows.

Thank you for reading and LISTENING to my words. Sincerely, Marianna Hartsong