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Comments: I do not see that this proposal has clearly addressed the impact of the operation on the recreational, parking and trails situation that this area provides for recreation. Particularly the cross country ski and hiking operations that are based in what is known as "Ferncroft". Has any planning been done on parking and how to keep access to these public-good opportunities? It doesn't seem like that has been considered. Recreation is a very important factor in our national forest. While I am not against the project in and of itself, it would be very short sighted to cut off recreational opportunities for this area for 10 years. Look at the economy of Tamworth, Albany and sandwich - it's very small. Removing a recreational destination would have a significant economic effect on the area if people are turned away if parking lot sizes are reduced or removed. We have clubs both snowmobile and ski that maintain these trails. Taking away access would be very unwise. Please address how the recreational trail use will be approached in detail so residents like myself can be sure this plan included all of the parties effected. And please choose local loggers and road builders to support our local economy instead of some massive corporate entity who has no ties to the area. Make this win-win with new habitats. Local Jobs. And recreational continuity.