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Comments: I oppose all of the proposed timber cuts and burns. Our economy here is built on a balance of scenic beauty as well as timber resources. Private landowners such as my wife and I combine to provide occasional selective timber cuts while avoiding clear cutting and its attendant erosion and effects on water quality. We don't need more timber cutting on lands that are currently wilderness areas. They are better used for hiking trails, such as the trails up Mt Chicorua which will be severely impacted by the proposed cuts. We should instead preserve wilderness areas to encourage the reestablishment of old growth forests and maximize the storage of carbon to do our part to mitigate climate change. The entire Bearcamp Valley is a treasure that combines a diverse ecosystem with ample recreational uses. We have contributed to this by donating land for permanent conservation. There is already enough open land in the ecosystem for wildlife, so we don't need to have timber cuts and burns to open up new areas.