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Comments: I was dismayed to hear about these plans to harvest timber from and clearcut parts of the forest surrounding Sandwich and Mount Chocorua. The woods there and the trails through them are a beloved part of our family's memories and future recreation plans. I question these plans given President Biden's 2022 directive to conserve mature forests and am even more concerned that they were developed based on an outdated US Forestry plan. In the 18 years since USFS plan was last updated, much has changed. That's part of why these plans are set to be updated every 15 years. It is hard to see how this specific plan - involving clear cutting and burning in a forest blessed with many mature trees, in an area with high recreational use, and with little thought put to the safety of the ecosystem or its visitors during a massive harvesting operation of this sort - is the right plan for this moment and this area. I urge the Forest Service to reconsider.