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Sandwich Vegetation Management Project Draft Environmental Assessment

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As a resident of Sandwich for over 50 years, I would to share both my observations and opinion relative to the planned actions on nearby National Forest Lands.

While the impacts of global warming have historically been incremental, it seems to me that recently they have become exponentially more frequent and intense. This, I believe, should call into question the degree of validity of studies done that were done only five years ago let alone eighteen years ago.

I do not know how much tinder there is in any one place on the forest floor, but I would be happy to let nature, with her storms of increasing intensity, take care of the problem. In addition, there are many species that find homes in this tangle.

There are a number of significant private properties in this same area that are cut frequently enough to accommodate the needs of many species. Also, there are a significant number of open areas that are frequented by coyotes, deer, etc. - sadly the moose is largely gone as a result of warming and the winter tick population.

Please consider updating, revising or even abandoning this expansive plan.

Sincerely,

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