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Comments: I have been coming to Chocorua all of my 92 years and have enjoyed watching generation after generation proudly climb The Mountain for the first time. The Brook Trail was always my favorite but I have overnighted Mt. Whiteface and often climbed Mt. Katherine in my later years.

As a long-time member of the Chocorua Mountain Club, I know first hand the amount of time and physical effort that volunteer teams put in every year to maintain the Brook, Paugus, Liberty and other Trails. These are popular trails, but with your proposal they could suffer obvious potential damage from heavy equipment's crossings. Clear cuts will be highly visible from the trails. The closing off of Ferncroft and Brook/Paugus parking lots will cause hikers serious problems. Thus I do not feel this proposed action "will not have significant impacts on the quality of life or recreation experience of forest users in either short or long term." Quite the contrary!