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Comments: I am writing to object strongly to the proposed Sandwich Vegetation Management Project. I write as a full-time resident of Tamworth, NH; an active volunteer with the Chocorua Lake Conservancy; and a frequent hiker on many of the sites proposed for logging.

My opposition is based on

- 1) the blatant lack of outreach to local residents and/or to easily identified environmental stewards in this area. It is so rich in natural resources and so rich in volunteers who care deeply for the land by their words and deeds
- 2) the serious failure to acknowledge the positive impact of our existing forests as protection against climate change
- 3) well-founded concerns about the likely negative impact of such an extensive operation on our regional economy

This project needs to be seriously reevaluated with active input from local residents and local experts on the forest environment. It cannot move forward as proposed.

The scale of this project is completely inappropriate in 2023.