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Comments: I understand that the Forest Service falls under the auspices of the USDA and timber harvesting can take precedence over humans but I think that this harvest could have a very negative impact on the tourist and hiking industry. You will be shutting down major used trails, possible changing them forever. These changes could produce safety concerns, as many users in these areas are not well versed in forest recreation and route finding. The Ferncroft area could possibly have increased illegal parking.

Couldn't there be buffers between parking lots and trails areas to be harvested to maintain some sort of status quo. This might result in the loss of a few acres of timber but it could be made up by the continual influx of trail users

Thanks