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Comments: I am an avid hiker in the White Mountains and Sandwich range and I am particularly fond of the beauty in the natural surroundings offered by trails from Ferncroft such as Big Rock Cave Trail, and Cabin Trail to Mt. Paugus, and trails through the Guinea Pond/FlatMountain Pond areas. These areas are fragile. The amount of tree removal planned there would deeply scar the area.

I have read the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project and seen nothing that convinces me that the destruction of the area would be worth the goals to increase forest diversity. Adding to that concern are comments from two members of the Wonalancet Club referring to previous forest projects that did not live up to the plans for clearing of debris and repairing destruction.

I am against this project as it stands now.