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As a resident of Sandwich, this landscape is integral to me in several ways. These are the areas where I engage with nature through various activities, depending on the season. And, where my curiosity and creativity deepens.

As we learned during the pandemic, having untouched natural areas to explore is vital for humanity's emotional, physical and mental health. Why would we destroy that which replenishes one's cognitive resources, reduces stress and anxiety, and boosts one's immune system?

Current research of elder forests is resulting in new insights. Why would we destroy what we could learn from?

This proposed Forest Plan is out of synch with the current best practices and disregards the importance of the forest to those who live in these communities as well as those who visit.