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Comments: I have been visiting the Sandwich range since I was a child, and I care deeply about its beauty, mature forest, and biodiversity. A wide swath of forested, largely undisturbed land is rare and precious.

Before anyone proceeds with irreversible actions that could disturb the health of the ecosystems found in the Sandwich Range, I ask you to:

1. Update the White Mountain Forest Management Plan to reflect an up-to-date understanding of the importance of mature trees and healthy soil in carbon sequestration.
2. Consider the impact on rare and endangered species, especially the Northern Long-Eared Bat.
3. Consider the potential of logging to introduce invasive species, worsen water quality, and heighten the risk of flooding.
4. Offer a reasonable range of alternatives, rather than an all-or-nothing plan. In particular, evaluate a detailed No Action Alternative.

It has taken more than a century for the forests in this region to regrow and become the beautiful, ecologically important habitat that so many of us treasure. Please do not heedlessly destroy them.