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Comments: Re: Sandwich Vegetation Management Project #57392

The US Forestry Service has concluded that vegetation managements needed for 648, including a controlled burn of 304, acres in the Sandwich Range is needed. This area is intensively used for recreational trails on Mts. Chocorua and Paugus. To protect these recreational assets and the environment including the carbon footprint of the project please institute, - forested buffers adjacent to trails, avoid logging infrastructure on or near trails, use of lower impact good forestry forestry practices such as cut-to-length, as opposed to whole-tree , which leaves the woody tops in the forest rather than chipping, burning and removing these materials from the ecosystem. Finally attention to water management, protecting streams, vernal pools, and drainage systems, avoiding use of large machinery when the soils are wet is essential.

Thank you,

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