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Comments: The proposed "forest management" project for the Sandwich Range is a farce: this would not forest management - this would be cutting marketable timber to fund USFS budgets, and in no way would this benefit the forest of this unique mountain range. In addition, there has been minimal to no contact with local experts, including those who actually maintain the trails and areas around them, on a volunteer basis, and have for 100+ years with great success been able to restore and maintain a healthy forest habitat following the Weeks act over 100 years ago. The area proposed for the "base of operations" for the project is a vital access point to this range and there has been zero consideration of the impact to those who live nearby, and whose lives and livelihoods would be completely upended. Our local environment, both natural and built, is a fragile balance, and this project does NOTHING for our communities. Please do not proceed with this project, as planned and possibly at all. Thank you.