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Comments: I believe that Sandwich Vegetation Management Project #57392 will negatively impact the lives of people in this town. I hope Forest Service reconsiders it's logging plans as well as replacing what naturally grows in these forests with more commercially viable trees.

Compared to Northern Maine or even some parts of Northern New Hampshire this area is more densely populated both by people and wildlife. Over the past few years, especially during the pandemic it became an important recreation place, as the numbers of hikers, climbers and skiers in these woods grew exponentially. I believe the needs of the local community as well as the needs of ever increasing numbers of visitors will be better served by re-orienting the goals of Forest Service here to preservation and limited recreation. As timber harvesting location Sandwich area has a very limited potential at best, being small, populated, with challenging terrain and mixed use lands. The harm done by logging here will far outweigh the benefits very modest timber harvest you could hope for here.