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Comments: I cannot image that any purpose the lumber is being harvested for or the money generated will be used for a purpose that has a 60 year impact. That is what it will take for the trees to grow back. Living near the state forest I see the impact of timber harvest. We were told the reason for the harvest is fire protection and when they leave all the litter behind I imagine if what's left behind caught fire it would give a fire a get place to get started. You are willing to ruin a beautiful forest area in a state that makes revenue on our beautiful mountains. The woods near me seem quite diseased. The long term effect on the forest from changing climate has yet to be established. We do not need to further stress our woods and forest for short term gains; it seems quite short sighted. Leave the old growth and beautiful views.