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Comments: As the co-owner of 742 acres of forested conservation land within 3 miles of the targeted area and as a frequent visitor to the affected trails, I have serious objections to the heavy-handed USFS "Sandwich Vegetation Management Project". Not only is the project inconsistent with the USDA's billion-dollar funding of "Climate-Smart Commodities" program (and the New England Forestry Foundation's resultant study of "Climate-Smart Forestry"), but it seems to be designed in opposition to the suggested practices of these forward-looking programs. Further, as currently defined, the project will have an irresponsibly negative impact on the beauty and biological elements of this wonderful natural area that local landowners and many thousands of visitors enjoy and work hard to preserve. As we know from prior USFS projects, the negative impact of this project will last many years beyond the 5 to 10 year performance period and will reach miles beyond the 648 acre operation.

We perform low-impact, sustainable and thoughtful forestry on our nearby forest land, which by the way is open to the public. As an infinitely larger landowner with much larger impact on the public and the environment, why the heck won't you do the same? I strongly urge you to reconsider the details of this project.