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Comments: Please do not start the prescribed fires. There is already too much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The Earth's temperature has reached alarming levels due to carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Especially considering the massive wildfires in Canada this summer, more burning of woods is simply foolish. Don't do it.

I am very concerned about the negative impact the logging operation will have on Mt. Chocorua's hiking trails and other trails in the Sandwich Range. One planned harvest area is immediately adjacent to the Liberty and Brook Trails on Mt. Chocorua and includes a large prescribed fire area, with no buffer bewteen the work and the trails. We need beautiful places to go, that are not sullied with logging and fires. We need to protect the beautiful places that remain. It takes a few days for heavy machinery to destroy this beauty, yet it takes decades for the beauty of the woods to return to an area. Please just don't do it.