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Comments: I am particularly concerned about the potential negative impacts of this planned harvest on hiking trails on Mt Chocorua, Mt Paugus, and in the Sandwich Range and two popular trailhead parking lots. Popular trails would be closed

One planned harvest area is immediately adjacent to the Liberty and Brook Trails on Mt Chocorua and includes a large prescribed fire area. The plan does not include any forest buffer between the designated harvest area and the hiking trails. Heavy machinery and skid trails would cross hiking trails. The Liberty and Brook Trailhead parking lot and Ferncroft parking lot would each be partially closed for months during logging operations.

The whole operation needs to be modified to take account of the recreational needs of the large number of the public who enjoy the amenities of this precious area.