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Comments: I am writing you with my many concerns that I have, regarding the sandwich vegetation management project. I come from a long line of hikers of the sandwich range. Bickford Trail is named after my great grandfather, Chester Bickford. I hike in this forest daily with my dog and I have since I was a child. I hope to continue to for all of my days. The diversity of this woods, as well as the age of this forest, is what makes it special and so much more. The scene of Chocorua mountain, with the lake in front is one of the most iconic views around. My parents were married in the basin view lot field. I can remember after the ice storm of 1995, when so many of the birches were bent over, that no one was stopping to take pictures. I dread the devastation of a burn or clear-cut. Your study appears to be in complete and therefore I would like to know how you plan to move forward. Has a consideration of wildlife corridor's, rich with diverse vegetation, that ripens at different times of the year, allows for the most diversity of species present. I would like to point out that there are many native and at risk species in this area not only bats and other animals, also many plant species that are unique to this area. Trees our best absorbers of carbon and release oxygen for us all. Unless they are burned, then they become carbon, and the mycorrhizal network is damaged and then it does much more harm than good. In 2022 President Biden issued an executive order, directing for the forest service to conserve mature forests,just like those targeted for logging in this project. Your management plan is out of date. It was last revised in 2005. It does not address climate change the way that it is being addressed at this time. I would also like to point out that the erosion of hillsides after such intense logging often causes a shift in waterways, which causes flooding . This erosion into waterways worsens water quality for those downstream, which in this case is everyone. Erosion also damages, Trail systems, which have already been under stress from increase usage since COVID. The damage of this logging will be catastrophic. Please seek a more reasonable alternative.