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Comments: My wife and I are residents of Sandwich living on Mt Israel Road about 1/2 a mile from one of targeted sites. We enjoy trails and nature in and along the WMNF all year round and appreciate the need for a well considered forest management strategy.

After reading the project statement our concerns revolve around three things. First the lack of impact assessment on the local roads and transportation infrastructure. Our dirt roads are fragile especially when wet and I'm concerned about the impacts of heavy logging trucks on the roads, culverts and shoulders. I am also concerned about the safety of local residents driving among heavy truck traffic. I would like to see impacts and resolutions addressed in an additional report.

Second we are also concerned by the lack of explanations around the impacts of burning and air quality in and around the project sites. Obviously being very close to it we and our neighbors could be impacted. Again a better reporting of plans, impacts and ameliorations is suggested.

Lastly, we believe an update to the 2005 plan for the White Mountain NF needs to be done so the project can be considered within this overall context. Hopefully this can be done in short order or at least in the early phases of work so that any changes could be implemented within a reasonable time frame.

Thank you,

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