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Comments: My family has vacationed and lived in the Tamworth / Wonalancet / Chocorua area for over 50 years. The Brook and Liberty trails up Chocorua are renowned for their rugged beauty and natural life including moose and bear down to toads and salamanders. Parts of the area were logged many years ago, but the regenerated forest and remaining virgin stands are magnificent. Generations of families from across the USA and internationally are familiar with Mt Chocorua and the range over to Whiteface. The road up to Ferncroft and the view of the Sandwich Range should be left undisturbed for future generations. Disturbing the forests and creating highly visible blights that will not heal for 50-100 years is unconscionable. Those mountains were venerated by the native Americans which lived and hunted on those slopes, and the same attitude is shared by the people living there today. Sometimes, nature should be left alone - perhaps the native Americans were wiser than the people at the USFS. Calling your proposed lumbering and burn a "Vegetation Management Project" is highly creative, but it does not disguise the travesty being imparted. You are urged to reconsider the potential damage which will otherwise be your legacy.