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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to discourage the proposed logging in the Sandwich range. New Hampshire historically logged most of its forest, at considerable loss to the ecology of our region. Though this range is second-growth forest, it still holds years growth; mature trees that are invaluable in the ground and ecosystem, for the other flora and fauna in the forest, as well as for air purification in the region. And they are undeniably beautiful! An asset for tourism and for locals.

In my hometown, we have recently, and repeatedly, experienced devastating flooding. I can believe pursuing standard logging practice here or in the Sandwich range could result in substantial regional devastation after the summer rain we have experienced. It seems clear to me we ought to do more to hold onto the forests we have, and find ways of managing them, (if we must), in better concert with nature.

Sincerely,

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