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Comments: It is with deep concern and profound disappointment that I address the impending tragedy unfolding on the road leading to Ferncroft and the breathtaking view of the Sandwich Range. I personally have been vacationing in the Tamworth / Wonalancet / Chocorua area for the twenty-two years that I have been alive, and have family living there. The recent action of the US Forest Service, to sanction logging in this pristine area, is nothing short of despicable. Since the days of the Native Americans, this land has served as a sanctuary for both the human community, and the animals that inhabit it. This untouched wilderness has been a source of inspiration, tranquility, and wonder for generations. It represents a rare and fragile ecosystem that should be revered, protected, and preserved, not exploited by the USFS for short-term gain. Perhaps what is most angering about this treachery is the USFS's disloyalty to the land it is supposed to protect. The euphemism of the 'vegetation management project' does not fool those who understand that controlled logging is plain and simply destruction. Logging this area not only scars the landscape but also compromises the delicate balance of nature. It disrupts habitats, endangers wildlife, and irreparably damages the scenic integrity of a place that is held dear by countless individuals. We implore you, as stewards of our natural heritage, to reconsider and immediately cease the supposed logging operations in this area. As the USFS has failed to do so, it is our responsibility to safeguard these irreplaceable natural wonders for our children and future generations to come. Our forests are not mere commodities; they are the lifeblood of our planet. This tragedy cannot be allowed to persist. We call upon the US Forest Service to recognize the gravity of this situation and take immediate action to halt the destruction. Our environment, our heritage, and our future depend on it.