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Comments: Dear US Forest Service Decision Makers,

Forestry needs to take climate seriously.

The Sandwich Vegetation proposal feels like it was appropriate perhaps 40 years ago, when climate change was barely acknowledged in any context. I wasn't surprised, then, when a USFS veteran explained to me that much of the 2005 White Mountain management plan has its roots in science from the 1980s. Using material of this vintage to form the basis of a major project like Sandwich Vegetation does not feel like a serious effort on the part of the Forest Service to fully consider the ramifications of its proposal.

The Sandwich Range provides the Forest Service with an opportunity to rethink its approach to forest management. I encourage you and your team to develop a new proposal that prioritizes carbon sequestration over the interests of the logging industry.

Please keep in mind that without mature and old forests to store carbon, all the very noble forest management practices you champion will cease to matter in the near future. Make protecting the Sandwich Range from logging your legacy.

Thank you,

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