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Comments: Back in the 1960's, in the summers, I lived on Bean Rd near the Sandwich Range. In the afternoons I loved being on a hiking trail in the Range hearing different hermit thrushes singing all the way up the trail. The trails vegetation was beautiful as I made my way up to a lookout over the equally beautiful Squam Lake.

Leaving the forests to grow there will result in older forests which store more carbon than a young forest coming up just after logging. Older forests will be an essential part of our hoped for survival of global warming.

I totally agree with this statement from Standing Trees--"President Biden issued an Executive Order in 2022 directing the Forest Service to conserve mature forests just like those targeted for logging in the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project. Instead of racing headlong to cut these climate-critical forests, the Forest Service should allow them to grow old".

Please, for the sake of the planet, leave these Sandwich Range forests intact with no logging. We desperately need their carbon uptake, and we need beautiful places for our souls.