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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed "treatments" for the Lost River Integrated Resource Project #63401. Enough already! We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and we now know the benefit of have carbon-sequestering trees among us and working for us. Of course, this is not the do all/end all to solving the climate crisis, but as the old timers in New England say, "If it ain't broke, then don't fix it." Further logging and harvesting of our forests flies in the face of a Presidential executive order that mandates that we value and preserve the very trees that are functioning as carbon sequesters. Your plan also proposes harvesting the forests and building roads for that purpose - all through the use of fossil-fueled heavy machinery. As if was not enough to severely increase the carbon footprint, then also consider the numerous species and varieties of wildlife that would be disrupted and driven out of their sustainable habitats. How many birds have YOU heard lately in the woods? Between the excessive smoke of Canadian wildfires, the severe wetness, and the atrocious heat , of this summer, our wild friends are not only having hard times, but also not prepared to survive these strenuous conditions, (nor is the human species, either).

It is therefore, time to reconsider your proposed travesty, step back, appreciate the beauty of the forest lands, and just say NO to further logging and rape of our woodlands. Whether it's the White mountains of New Hampshire, the Green Mountains of VT, or the Adirondacks of NY, it is past time for putting a moratorium on logging and letting our forests do what they are best at - sequestering carbon, and providing a vital habitat for the critters of the forest. Throw out your 2006 playbooks, and let's work as one to save our civilization for our children, grandchildren, and all species. It is our collective moral imperative to do so, and to do it NOW, before it is too late.

Let's get together and Shut It Down.

Sincerely,

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