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Comments: I support implementing the forest plan as planned in this project. Note that other aspects of the forest plan such as wilderness designation and recreation support have been implemented; I see no reason to implement some parts of the plan and not others. As a specific comment I point to the lack of early successional habitat addressed in the plan. While the discussion at the recent Sandwich meeting focused on the 0 to 5 year time frame, it is also important to look at the near complete lack 5 to 20 year early successional habitat in the Sandwich Range area of the WMNF. The Eversource power line does not provide 5 to 20 year habitat. In addition, private property outside the forest is not providing an adequate amount of 5 to 20 year habitat as view cuts are usually re-cleared frequently and private logging seldom utilizes patch-cuts or clear-cuts that would provide this habitat.