Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/21/2023 2:07:25 PM First name: William Last name: Sylla Organization: Title: Comments: Hello,

I am writing to support reasonable logging in the WMNF.

However, I do NOT support clear cutting. It is time to develop practices that will allow improved access to the forest while at the same time allowing for logging.

The forest should be managed in a way that allows for some trees in an area to be harvested while the majority remain to be enjoyed by the non loggers but yet will be harvested later. There should be a plan to harvest trees over time instead of episodic clear cuts. The sustained access for logging will also improve overall access to the forest.

I understand that this approach is not as cost effective as a clear cut, but the WMNF is not a commercial property. Why not use the public lands to lead people to a better way to log.

As an aside, I hike a lot in the Whites. I do wish we were brave enough to cut down some particular trees that are impinging upon and even blocking the historic views from our mountain tops. Not every tree is sacred and some of them are actually detrimental to everyone's enjoyment of the WMNF. I think there should be a view preservation committee or panel for the Whites.