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Comments: Despite the good (though belated) outreach by USFS staff, there are still many questions about this project. people who know more than I have pointed out that the proposed project will disrupt recreation. More importantly, it will disrupt the existing ecosystems for very little (or possibly negative) habitat benefit. Many have pointed out that the proposed operations are adjacent to "wilderness" areas that are purposely not managed. The thought of cutting and marketing old growth trees is disturbing. One possible buyer for this was mentioned as the Ossipee Mountain Firewood operation as large old trees have little commercial value. The though of a 200+ year old tree being chopped up and wrapped( in plastic!!) to be sold in supermarkets is incredibly sad and shortsighted.