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Comments: This is my second letter to you asking that you do not start the logging operation proposed for within 1,325 acres in the Sandwich Range, focused around the Ferncroft, Mt. Chocorua and Mt. Israel trailheads.

My first letter was my immediate response to the destruction that such an operation would create on trails that I hike on a regular basis and have always loved and felt were so special because of the old trees, clear streams, and rolling forested landscape.

This letter again underscores those feelings but I have also read more to see if perhaps there was a desire to improve the health of these forests that I love with careful selective cutting. But nothing I have read convinces me that the clearing and cutting operation will be sensitive nor create a healthier forest in the future. Instead it will leave destruction of a precious resources enjoyed quietly and with respect by so many who appreciate its beauty. I am one of 135 members of a collegial Monday hiking group and these trails are central to the hikes we take every year.

Therefore I write again to ask that the USFS please not go forward with this project .

Thank you