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Comments: My question is, will the USFS amend the plan or leave it as is? In person, Jim Innes and his team have tried to reassure our objections by saying, for example, that there will be buffers around the hiking trails, and careful, shared use of the limited parking in Ferncroft. But nothing has been put in writing. Also, the plan says there will be a separate recreation plan - when will that happen? Will it be public and open for comments and input from those of us who maintain access and hiking trails?

My great preference is that the forest service put this plan on pause until the various concerns have been fully studied. This includes concern for (1) recreation use; (2) the endangered bats; (3) an adequate, science based study of the impact on carbon sequestration from this planned logging, include the impact on the carbon currently sequestered in the soil; (4) a serious consideration of the President's order on preserving mature forests. Local forestry experts have said that the patches indicated for logging will not yield profitable timber. So, what is the point of this operation? We hope the USFS will seriously look at all of these considerations and put a pause on its current plan.