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Hello,

This is to comment on the harvesting proposal for Sandwich NH in the White mountain National Forest. I have spent much time in the northern woods of New England, and see both the positives and negatives of harvesting, and types of harvesting used. I would say one of the worst harvestings I have see was at Angels Falls in Franklin County Maine. This was a special and serene area that was clear cut with no post cutting management and ruined a treasure. Having a short tome to look at this proposal, I would recommend low impact harvesting. I have seen what low impact harvesting can do, and has a positive impact on the land. Removing troubled timber, selected growth timber, and opening the forest for more growth and better fire management. Having seen the impact of the harvesting types used I would recommend animal skidding to a open landing where equipment can be used with no impact on the forest itself.

Thank you.

Dave