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Comments: Thank you for extending the comment period for this project.

I respectfully request that you further postpone this project until the WMNF can complete a more current Forest Plan which takes climate change into consideration. My reason for requesting this is that the Most Recent Plan was completed nearly 18 years ago, and there have been huge changes in the environmental world and in the way human beings are understanding our environment since then.

Climate change is the major reason for these changes. We now have the information, and the ability, to find ways to mitigate climate change and help protect our environment, both for the health of Earth itself, as well as for all the communities of creatures, plants and natural denizens that inhabit this earth, humans included.

There is a whole world of new scientific understanding that should be applied to any forest plan, and it is irresponsible not to take this new information into consideration before decisions are made about cutting ANY forest.

The MOST IMPORTANT information is that WHOLE AND COMPLETE FORESTS, the LARGER AND MORE INTACT THE BETTER, help contain carbon in the ground.

I believe, and science backs this up, that more human beings, as well as the entire community of life on earth, will benefit materially as well as spiritually, from intact wild and whole forests, as opposed to continuing to cut trees for financial and other "benefits". The forests will take care of themselves, and have done so for millenniums. With the exception of mitigating the effects of invasive species, we should leave the forest alone. We need to be protecting our precious forests by doing everything we can to let them grow wisely, to keep themselves healthy, and not cut them down.

Therefore, I repeat my request that this project be set aside until a new and current Forest Plan is constructed for the White Mountain National Forest, taking all the latest scientific information about climate change into consideration. This needs to be done in the interest of the forests themselves, as well as for the natural communities that benefit from large tracts of forest, humans included.

Thank you.