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Comments: I am a New Hampshire native, born in the North Country (Berlin), and have lived in New Hampshire for most of my life. I love this State, but most importantly, I love this state's outdoors and natural beauty. I am an avid hiker and have hiked most of the trails in the project area many times. The project will have a devastating effect on these recreational uses for thousands of people. I am particularly concerned about the proposed timber hauling out of Ferncroft. Ferncroft is a magical spot, with farms and homesteads dating back centuries. Walking through Ferncroft is like taking a step back in time. I find incredulous the Environmental Assessment's finding of "no significant impact" occasioned by the hauling of timber out of Ferncroft. It will indeed have a profound impact on the tranquility of the area for many months and will be a source of noise and exhaust fumes from large timber loading equipment and logging trucks which will also cause major disruption of parking and passenger vehicle movements. I am further concerned that not enough setback from active hiking trails has been provided.