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Comments: Dear USFS,

I object strongly to the proposed logging project in the Sandwich range.

I am an avid hiker of the White Mountains and the Sandwich range. I have walked ALL the trails in the Whites - incl. the Sandwich Range - many of them many times. Over the past 15 years I have been to the Ferncroft area at least 50 times.

My objections are many - but here are a few:

- 1) It is entirely unclear what the benefits (and primary purpose of this project) are - to the USFS as well as (and more importantly) to the general public - and specifically the people who hike and recreate in the area.
- 2) The impact on the people who recreate in the area is not discussed - it is completely ignored.
- 3) Executive Order 14072 is completely ignored.
- 4) The Ferncroft area is heavily used area by hikers (in itself a problem). To add heavy logging traffic to this area is a terrible idea. Much further planning is required just to address this issue.

I hope the project will at least be halted for now - allowing for further public input and discussion - and for the issues raised by the public to be properly addressed.

There are organizations - such as WODC and WPA - that are heavily involved and more knowledgeable than me about this area. Input (concerns and objections) from these organizations must be considered and they must be satisfied with the overall plan before I would yield my objections.

Finally, I am a USFS volunteer and have maintained a trail in the Whites for over a decade. I have always had the greatest respect for the USFS - but if the USFS continues with this project (ignoring the concerns by the organizations referenced above) I will no longer serve as a volunteer.

Sincerely,

Per Frost.