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Comments: What the Forest Service has planned in the Sandwich Range strikes me as a very old school timber cut motivated primarily by the income generation projected from six million board feet. The forestry plan under which it's being justified is outdated, given that it wasn't drafted during the last few years, when the real, immediate consequences of climate change are rapidly scrolling into view. It's time for a reevaluation of priorities of the Forest Service, in which commercial interests are put behind ecological priorities reconsidered in the light of the current crisis. Regarding the specifics of this proposed cut, please integrate Executive Order 14072 requirements for conservation of mature forests into an updated plan before proceeding.

(I recently attended a funeral in Green-Wood Cemetary in Brooklyn, NY. As I walked through that extensive urban cemetery, my heart was moved by the ancient grandmother trees that lined the pathways. How ironic that we are more likely to come across more broad-trunked superannuated trees in the middle of one of our largest cities than in our National Forest.)