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Comments: To USDA/Forest Service.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to what seems to be a totally misguided and destructive project. Part of the logo of the Forest Service states "Caring for the Land and Serving People". This project seems to represent the exact opposite. Maintaining a healthy forest would normally mean cutting excessive undergrowth that could exacerbate fire risks. That seems totally inconsistent with harvesting 6 million board feet of lumber. Once commercial logging is underway they will be looking to optimize their profits by taking the most mature and valuable trees. This project is clearly about profit alone.

We should not be repeating the tragedy of the the turn of the last century when vast areas of pristine forest in the White Mountains were destroyed by logging companies, leaving a wake of destruction that took decades to recover from. Whatever the short term profit may be, it seems insane at this point in time to be destroying critical and irreplaceable resources.