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Comments: To the USFS,

My name is Stephen Bartlett. I run Booty Family Farm, an organic vegetable farm on the east slope of Mt. Israel where my wife's family has lived since 1982. I am intimately familiar with the area of the proposed cut in the vicinity of Guinea Hill and am strongly opposed.

I log for a living in the winter and understand the delicate balance logging plays with the natural landscape. However, not all forests should be managed. This certainly includes the proposed clearcuts on the northeast side of Mt. Israel, which have not been cleared since the late 1800s.

I am also an avid hunter, hike and skier. To justify this project in the Guinea Hill region as helping wildlife is absurd. Some of the finest stands of oak are located on the southern and eastern slopes of Guinea Hill and support an extremely healthy population of whitetail deer, bear and turkeys.

If this project were to go forward I would ask that a historical respect for the Guinea Hill settlement be observed including the cellar holes, walls, and grave sites some of which have only recently been discovered in the last few years. This was certainly not the case in the early 1980s when the last cut was done by the USFS.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Stephen Bartlett

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