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Comments: Do not log in the Sandwich National Forest. It is both irresponsible given the current climate crisis and puts a blight in our beloved New Hampshire forests - this forest which is both a point of pride for us and a draw for the essential tourist revenue the attraction of our wilderness brings. Please stop the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project.

It has taken these forests over a century to recover from logging in the 1800's and become what they are now, a beautiful natural space whose mature trees also sequester more carbon than young trees can. That is not something we can get back quickly. It's a resource that once gone is gone for many lifetimes.

The idea that logging is "for the good" of the forests is such an obvious fabrication - nobody is buying it. This land belongs to the people of this country, not to for-profit logging companies, yet they are the only party who will benefit from this. New Hampshire will lose tourist revenue, as it always does when logging projects happen, we will lose a carbon sink that contributes to stopping the climate crisis, and NH residents will bear the brunt of a project that does us and our broader world no good.

The continued pushing of this logging company agenda is an embarrassment. We have a responsibility to be stewards of this land and must preserve what we cannot replace. I urge you to make the right choice and take care of our invaluable natural resources.