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Comments: Please reconsider Sandwich Vegetation Management Project #57392 in its entirety. After attending the on-site field trip and hearing directly from the Forest Service personnel, I still do not understand the rationale for damaging such a beautiful and well-loved space within our forests.

This area is used heavily for recreation and is crucial to the character of our town. While I recognize the Forest Service is by mandate required to harvest timber, the reasons presented for why this location was chosen were unsatisfactory at best; essentially boiling down to "uhh because." When asked why Wilderness areas are left alone to ensure their health but this area somehow needs active management for its health, the answer was literally again, "uhhh because." It is therefore clear this is a timber sale loosely decorated with scientific justifications.

If you must fulfill your harvest mandate, please do so somewhere not so thoroughly enjoyed by residents and visitors.