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Comments: I am making a second comment for the extended comment period. I understand that since the first round the Forest Service has committed verbally to buffer zones around the hiking trails in the Ferncroft/Wonalancet area. This, if followed through upon, is progress in the right direction. Two fundamental issues many people have raised have not been addressed: 1) priority for public recreational use and enjoyment in this special area, and 2) the overriding issue of climate change and management with carbon sequestration in mind. We have been assured the proposed project is consistent with the its 2005 Forest Plan, as if that general assurance in itself adequately addresses these concrete issues for this time and place. The Forest Plan is almost two decades old and the urgency around carbon emissions driven climate change has increased mightily since it was issued. I urge the Forest Service to amend the Sandwich plan so that it addresses the consequences of proposed actions for short and long-term carbon sequestration and maximizes opportunities for both.