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Comments: I can appreciate the challenge in collating all the information from comments during a comment period. Thank you to the team that is doing this and to all the efforts behind the scenes.

I will keep my comment as brief as possible since details to my concerns are being made by numerous others.

I am a land owner in the Sandwich Range area. My lively hood, wellbeing and reason for being in this area is hugely reliant & influenced by access, both physically & visually to these mature forests.

My overall comment is for the management plan, as proposed, to be postponed, and adjusted, so the concerns expressed by the public and more current research on soil & mature forests can be added to the considerations for a more rounded, environmentally & economically responsible and appropriate plan can be presented.

Specifically:

Soil

The lack of attention presented in the plan to the impact on soil, especially with the current research on how imperative it is for soil health and integrity to be considered for the health of our future. Carbon retention alone needs further consideration.

Lack of alternate options

There is an "All or nothing" proposal. ? I request alternatives to this proposal

Seeming disregard to executive rule 14072

The imperative importance of "Mature Forests". These lands projected to be assaulted without appropriate consideration to the qualities and benefits Mature Forests offer need better consideration.

There is no "oops" I guess we shouldn't have done that option. Once cut/burned/trammeled, it's not like we can reverse the action. Let's consider more carefully the impact and possible destruction of what can not be regained.

I also recognize the need for the FS to find revenue. It is important that we, as citizens find ways to fund the services without compromising the health of our communities, our forests and the future.