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Comments: As a resident of Tamworth who uses the trails in Ferncroft and Sandwich frequently, I'm very concerned about this plan, which could affect my family's access to public lands for 5-10 years. My kids are 4 and 5 and just starting to enjoy hiking and cross country skiing, both of which we mostly do from Ferncroft and Whiteface Intervale Road. And we're not alone - we always run into people we know there. We're not big outdoorsy people, and we have little kids, and these areas have some of the nicest, most accessible trails for people like us. I understand the Ferncroft parking lot would be closed off for parts of this period. Logging trucks would be in and out, with the small road between the peaceful cemetery and chapel turning into a busy logging thoroughfare. Logging would be visible from the trails, and the beautiful vista I always look forward to driving into Wonalancet or skiing in the field along ferncroft would be affected.

I'm not a big fan of NIMBYism, but I don't see why logging on public lands has to happen in anyone's backyard. There's plenty of privately owned land for logging, and I don't mind the logging trucks passing through other parts of our area. This spot is special, and it's in the public trust to manage well for future generations, not for profit. This is reflected in Biden's recent executive order, and that directive should be incorporated into these plans. Mature forests are important for carbon sequestration, supporting native species, forest resilience, and flood control. Please leave our town's treasured spot alone, and let it continue to serve as the valued resource it is.