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Comments: Dear Mr. Innes,

As the comment period comes to a close , I would like to reiterate the Wonalancet Preservation Association was founded with the sole mission of protecting and maintaining the beauty of the Wonalancet Basin, currently ground zero for the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project # 57392.

This puts us at odds with the huge proposed logging operation you have laid out to take place here over the next 5-10 years.

After attending 4 meetings in person many concerns still remain:

1. The separate recreation plan that was promised in 2005 to arrive at a later date has never materialized.
2. The finding of " No significant impact" was arrived at but no evidence was ever presented to support it. To the contrary the sheer number of comments against this project would lead one to believe this project will have an enormous impact on the lives of people who recreate here and live nearby.
3. Although a soils study was asked for , none was ever shared with us. Does one exist? Can it be shared with us ?
4. President Biden's Executive Order 14072 regarding not cutting mature forests has been brought up time and time again with the response being "no guidance has been forthcoming ". Has an attempt been made to ask for guidance when there is such a public outcry about violating this order?
5. Lastly, the idea that there is " No consideration of alternatives" is baffling. We are owed an explanation there. There are always alternatives. Sometimes to do nothing is the best alternative.

Thank you for your attention to this matter which means so much to so many people .

Respectfully submitted,

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