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Comments: The following letter failed to post on the community comment internet site. I was told I could send it directly to you. Thank you for everything you and your colleagues have done to explain this proposal to the local community.

After reading the proposed forest management plan, attending a Q&A session at the town hall in Sandwich, and attending a field inspection session at Fern Croft in Wonalancet, I've concluded that the proposed forest management project needs further study. I urge you to pause before implementation because:

1. the proposal is based on information from 2005

2. Executive Order 14072 asks for the preservation of mature trees

3. The proposed buffer zones are not sufficiently set back from hiking trails

4. Climate change has not been factored into the proposal

I hope you and your Forest Service colleagues will agree that these are reasonable concerns, all of which should be addressed before going forward. Thank you