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Comments: I'm writing you to ask that your management plan does not include the cutting of "old growth" timber

as these trees while constituting only .3% of New Englands forests, sequesters 30% of the carbon from trees. They are the front line in the fight against climate change and must be protected if we are to have any chance to keep Earth's temperature from rising above 1.5 degrees. Since most of the timber logged comes from private wood lot owners, it makes little sense to log public lands at all.. These public lands and the rangers that steward them need to change from managing them for industry to becoming climate stewards and protect them for fighting climate change and the use of citizens for restoring their sanity and connection with the earth.

Please revise your plan to protect ALL the forests under your watch.