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Comments: Dear USFS,

I object to the impact that the proposed Sandwich Vegetation Project will have on recreational activities in the southern region of the Sandwich range. Since the Covid pandemic, the use of hiking trails in the WMNF has exploded in popularity. The parking area at the Ferncroft trailhead is often full on weekends and there is no parking signs the length of the access road. Using half of this parking area for staging of equipment creates an enormous impact that I think you're under estimating. I also think that more could be done to minimize the impact on the 8 hiking trails in the area identified in the project analysis. This is a historically important hiking area with some of the oldest trails in what is now the WMNF and more should be done to respect and acknowledge those traditions.