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Comments: I am writing again to express my string objections to your logging plan for the Sandwich Vegetation Management Plan.

My first objection is that the plan states "no treatments in this project will take place within identified old growth stands". The President's Executive Order 14072 urges consideration not just of "old growth" forests, but of "mature forests" also. It is critical to conserve these areas and protect them, so they can become old growth!! The plan cites Executive Order 14072, but only as it relates to "old growth" and makes no mention of the very clear and explicit references in the plan to protecting "mature forests."

Second, a portion of the Sandwich Range is protected as wilderness and the areas adjacent to the wilderness should therefore be treated with special protective measures to enhance and ultimately expand the wilderness area, not cut it back. While this Sandwich Wilderness area is relatively small, the carbon capture it offers will only be hampered with your interference in an area that is doing well without your plan. Your plan will in fact destroy habitat. Have we learned nothing?!!!

Lastly, many folks from the area as well as "from away" come to the area for its mature growth, its pristine beauty and there is no mention/plan at all that addresses one of the main assets NH offers for people who hike, forage, ski, bird watch etc.

This plan is fatally flawed and I couldn't oppose it more. Stay out!