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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am a life long resident here in New Hampshire, and I have always admired the natural beauty of this incredible state. Hiking the white mountains started when I was young, and I have always loved how close we are/were to nature in this state. However, the more time goes on, and as the population of the state continues to increase, there are less and less green spaces available for public use. With record breaking summer heats with no end in sight, concerning mild winters, and no efforts to tackle climate change on a national, state, or global level, I urge you to NOT approve the proposed logging of 600 acres of our beautiful White Mountains National Forest.

There is a reason why their beauty not only assists with reducing the amount of carbon in our atmosphere as old growth trees, they also provide monetary value to our states dying tourism economy. People come from all over to visit our White Mountains, year round. I myself go camping in the white mountains annually, and find that it is a refreshing way to reconnect with nature in our ever expanding technological based society. We need these trees, we need them for more than one reason, but the biggest of my concerns surround the recreation aspect of the White Mountains, our struggling tourism industry, and arguably most importantly- their ability to help slow the inevitable effects of climate change. We are losing touch with nature, and with green spaces continuously on the decline, we need to reserve these precious natural resources and not disturb the land. For both our people and our planet. This urbanization hell scape cannot and should not be what the majority of New Hampshire looks like. People from all over the world come to our beautiful state during peak foliage seasons, hike our mountains year round, and take advantage of what our forests and landscapes have to offer as many states are not as fortunate as us to have these resources saved and protected. Many people go out to see the larger than life sequoia trees, and I hope that one day New Hampshire forests can regain their full potential if we simply leave it alone.

In conclusion, I urge you to NOT to approve this proposed logging of 600 acres in our White Mountains National Forest, as it would hurt our economy, our recreation, natural resources, and ability to fight climate change.

Best regards,

Faith Luce.