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Comments: I appreciate the new alternatives that were created to maintain and create new mature and old growth stands, and limit road building, while still providing great new recreational resources like the proposed hut at South Pond and the Velomont Trail.

Considering the Biden Administration's commitment to climate resiliency and enhancement and protection of old growth forests, this IRP could serve as a positive and forward-looking precedent which could serve as a guideline for management plans all over the country. I encourage you to choose Alternative C or Alternative D, promoting ecological forestry, climate resiliency, and diverse management goals while also protecting and enhancing old and late successional forest characteristics and providing new recreation opportunities.

Let's be a leader, here in Vermont, in ecological forestry, climate resiliency and carbon sequestration and storage, while also helping meet our state's goals to protect 9% of our core forests as old growth.

Thank you for all the work that has gone into this and your willingness to consider other alternatives.