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Comments: I object to the burning; although you have particulate numbers you adhere to, burning that took place in Pittsfield in Mayo Meadow still affected me. Smoke is smoke when it travels throughout the valley even though you say you were within the legal particulate range. More burning, more climate change, leave the trees to do their job.

I object to the poison being used to kill vegetation. If it is like roundup but does not cling, no one has said what the run off will do or where it will end up. Are we poisoning wildlife , polluting water sources or what?

I object to the displacement of forest wildlife during this process. The Pittsfield town plan designates wildlife corridors all throughout the green mountain forest which should not be disturbed. The burning, clearing and poisoning will do just that and is inconsistent with the Town Plan. See Flora, Fauna and Natural Communities Wildlife Resources and related Maps. Found on town website.

I object to the independent sale of timber to logging companies. Current operations in Pittsfield have had no communication with town government and have made a mess on Forsya Road. As late as the info meeting in March, town select board members have yet to have gotten any satisfaction from the current company doing the logging. I live in a 200 year old house, heavy equipment on the road causes the house to shake, is loud and releases heavy dust and dirt from the road. Windows need to be shut when they pass by. If logging companies are not giving the town any restitution, what will we get if there is foundation damage or other property damage. In addition because you go out to bid for sale of timber, you do not regulate how many trips per day, how much equipment, how many trucks will be passing by on the roads, times of the day etc. Not only are roads damaged but residents' homes and quality of life are going to be affected. There is no regulation on this issue, it is just a monetary benefit to the state and not the town or its citizens.