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Comments: I have comments regarding four main areas, mostly involving recreation.

1. While not popular, it is the USFS' responsibility as landowner to responsibly manage recreational use at Chittenden Reservoir and Leffert's Pond. It's great that there is a plan to improve parking at Leffert's Pond, however overall lack of staff presence and management, particularly of day use/traffic and undesignated campsites is reminiscent of Green River Reservoir in the 1990's. Like it or not, increased use and demand requires more active management. Campsites are proliferating, as is accompanying trash, environmental damage and user conflicts. People routinely "stake out" campsites preventing equality in access. It's common to see motor boats ferrying multiple loads of gear to sites which can be set up for weeks, unoccupied for much of that time. Trees are cut for firewood, rocks are moved and fire pits have been created in many locations. The FS has to take a much more active role in managing use here; it has moved up the scale in the ROS to a much more front country experience. Chittenden Reservoir provides important recreational access regionally and needs to be managed as such.

2. Sherburne Trails. While outside of the scope of this IRP, it is worth mentioning and supporting the much needed trail connection for the east and west pods. The unauthorized crossing currently used is very dangerous and puts bikers at extreme risk of collision with vehicles on a blind corner. I have nearly hit bikers on several occasions, including children, and have witnessed large trucks have very close calls with bikers. So whatever can be done to get that trail built, we all need to support that. I hope that you hear from officials from the State about the challenges they are facing being the sole access point for the western pod. I can affirm that was never the original plan, as I was the one representing the state at the time agreements were made.

3. The shooting range on Cold Spring Hill. I am aware that this is not an actively managed area, a designated use and didn't come up in the scoping. However, there is an enormous conflict of uses now between campers and hikers on state land (Gifford Woods State Park has fielded noise complaints for decades), and bikers and hikers on federal land and shooters. I understand that there's a need for a range facility; the site is used nearly constantly year-round. I have seen people there very late at night with only headlamps. The range severely detracts from the biking experience; if you're on the western pod and don't know the range is there and someone starts shooting, it can be terrifying. Besides conflict of uses, my other concern about this area is lack of any kind of lead management and parking/access. I understand that parking along the state ROW is outside of the scope of the FS jurisdiction, but it's clear that something needs to be done to find a better site on federal lands for and close this site down. With the investment in Sherburne Trails and the coming Velomont Trail, a shooting range is no longer a viable, responsible or safe activity there. I hope that you receive comments about this from both shooting sports enthusiasts and bikers as I know it's a big concern and have spoken with many about it. Unfortunately the federal process for input is not easy or straight forward for many, and I fear it is getting disproportionately overloaded by form letters against timber management.

4. I fully support the timber management activities proposed as responsible and sensible.

Thank you