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Comments: Hello,

This is my second comment on the TGIRP #60192, last year and today.

I appreciate the Forest Service producing an Environmental Impact Statement. I also appreciate that a few different proposals have been introduced indicating that the forest service cares about the public's opinion on a logging project of this magnitude in OUR National Forest.

There are many issues tied into this project and other large scale logging projects. I will list my most pressing concerns. I will begin with a question - Why do humans continue to think we have to "manage everything in nature", control it, create this and that type of forest? My first vote would be - leave it alone, let it mature, and grow wild. (Alternative A)

Wood products are essential but we need to log differently and why in the National Forest? Let's use less wood, use more alternatives, recycle and reclaim more "wood", and restrict the use of wood by reining in the size of homes, second homes especially, and structures that use wood.

Another concern - roads. I live in an area that has many private logging roads and town logging roads. Many people use them irresponsibly, trashing them with mostly ATV's and similar vehicles. I mean trashing, destroying, creating a tremendous amount of erosion especially with our constant rain, soaked forest floors, and lack of freezing temperatures throughout the Winter. Vehicles are making a big ol' mess in the forest. I do not want any logging happening in roadless areas of the Green Mountain National Forest. You put in a road and some yahoos will find it and it will be ruined.

A third concern is removing mature trees and old growth forests. We do not have many. You look at a map of NE and the biggest and best older trees, grandfathers and grandmothers are in CN and MA. We don't want our forests to look like Maine's - artificial, almost like a mono crop, with out life, biodiversity, and beauty! Leave the forest alone, don't build more roads, and protect more - less timber harvesting, please. Continue to support the Green Mountain National Forest as a gem, a sanctuary, a place of richness, wildlife, all kinds not just animals to hunt or trap, and a source of pride for Vermonters for generations - 7 generations!

If I had to choose other than option A it would be C because of the protection of older trees and forested areas or D because of the reduction in carbon emissions. Vermont should have more old growth forests, we need to let them mature!

Sincerely,

Stephanie

from Vermont