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Dear Mr. Innes,

This letter gives my concerns about the WMNF Sandwich Vegetation Management Project in Wonalancet. I have sent 2 letters previously objecting to the project and will here summarize my objection.

* Over the 35 years I have lived in Glen I have received many WMNF proposals to comment on- logging, roads, towers, snowmobile trails. Most were will though out. I had no comments. Some I comment on. Sometimes my comments were addressed, other times not. But in NO CASE did I consider the proposals so ill-conceived that I felt the proposals should be abandoned. In the present case in Wonalancet I feel this ill-conceived proposal should be abandoned.

* Thee 600 acre, 5-10 year, proposal will seriously affect the usage of the many well-used trails in the area.

* That Wonalancet parking area gives access to some 4,000 footers, the closets 4,000 footer to those coming from the south, especially Massachusetts. What is going to happen when those visitors come and find no place to park, since the WMNF wants to remove half of them.

* This will also affect winter visitors, where most local private owner have generously allowed for the public to use.

* That parking lot, even expanding the is often full. How are visitors supposed to park if the WMNF wants to take away many spaces so their large trucks can get by?

* Does the adjacent Jewell Cemetery my wife is buried. I visit often to tend the grave and give my respects.

Where with a greatly reduced parking area, where can I park? I am in my 90's and am not as able as I used to be. And, I fear for my safety with the large trucks going by.

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* That cemetery has some fragile gravestones, some over 150 years old, some barely standing. With huge trucks pounding by only ~100 feet away, I wonder what damage will be done.

* I am not a NIMBY. Rather, this is just NOT the place for such a monstrous project. Across the road from house in Glen is a large area of the WMNF. I ask the WMNF to use of that area instead.

* The project close to the WILDERNESS area and consists of some of the same type trees, vegetation as the wilderness area. Why destroy it?

* I would suggest that the project area be named a wilderness area instead of destroying it.

* I am appalled that my taxes will be used for such a project.

* I wonder what over representation in Washington, who help fund the WMNF thing about the project, which so many people object to?

* Perhaps the WMNF is following all the rules, but following rules does not necessarily make things right. Northern Pass followed but- some NOT right.

* I have always respected the WMNF people for their care they put in to their proposals. Some how someone goofed in making this proposal. If the WMNF barges ahead despite wide spread objections, my attitude toward the WMNF has a good chance of changing.

* In these days recreation is a more important use of the WMNF than any project that (unreadable) to cutting trees. Your project makes recreation in the area more difficult. You are opposing the trend.

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* The Sandwich-Wonalancet project is a bad project in the wrong place. Leave that area alone, do not help huge trucks going by for 5-10 years, let me safely attend my wife's grave. You have over 600,000 acres elsewhere to play with. Go someplace where you may be more appreciated.

* Hundreds of objectors can't be wrong. You are.

* Admit your mistaking in make this proposal. You will be admired for admitting a mistake. Nobody is perfect.

Yours truly,

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