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I live on Osborne Creek Road and the cutting of this mountain in my opinion will greatly affect my property and that of my neighbors. A few years ago the property across the road from mine sold and the person who bought it chose to clear-cut the trees from it. The property that was clear-cut joins the mountain that is part of your project. Since he cut the trees every time it rains it washes all the debris, mud, and sediment into our pond and has started to fill in the pond that my father in law spent thousands of dollars to have built. It looks like a huge mud puddle every time it rains now and we have also noticed that the catfish and bass that we paid for when we had it stocked aren't seen anymore like they were before this all happened. So, if a few acres being clear-cut can cause this much damage to my property I can only imagine what's going to take place when the mountain is cut.

I also want to state that I have been a timber cutter in the past and I know for a fact that there are bats that are being highly protected in the forest by the government. Many times a person from the government came into the woods to check on the bats and make sure we were doing nothing that would harm them. We were told that if we saw one to move from that area immediately. It's hard for me to comprehend why the government would cut down a National Forest when they despised the fact that we cut on private land and would have loved to have had the authority to shut the operation down due to this particular bat being endangered and protected.

I am against the cutting of the mountain and I hope you choose to not do the cutting and focus your attention on finding ways to bring tourism to it instead.

Thank you for allowing comments and taking into consideration our feelings on this project.