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Comments: As a professional biologist and researcher at one of Vermont's most prominent non-profit scientific organizations, I vehemently support the draft decision allowing management activities within the project area. Forest management is essential to encouraging more biodiverse ecosystems and fighting against climate change and its impacts. To reject the draft decision would lead to poor management practices and condemn numerous species to lower quality, less diverse habitat, and the consequences that will stem from that choice, including the possibility of population decline and extirpation.