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Comments: I love our Vermont woods - it is my happy place - hiking or skiing and always birding. In the past, it has seemed that the Forest Service was in business to serve the lumber industry, with very little else considered. This project has adopted a new approach, bringing in multiple other stake holders. Priorities include ecological habitat restoration of wetlands and of early successional habitat, sustainable forest management, protecting old-growth and mature woods with old-growth characteristics, climate-smart practices to accelerate the development of old-forest characteristics where they are lacking, trails for recreation, ... Great work!!! While I concur with stakeholders such as Vermont Audubon in supporting Alternative "C", I would have preferred Alternative "D", for a lighter touch. I also would like to see the area around the Cape protected, such that it is buffered from disturbances and also such that the entire Cape plus buffer regions encompass at least 1000 acres. Thank you very much! Holly Fulton