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Comments: I am a prospective resident of New Hampshire, drawn here by two things: the people, and the wildness of the White Mountain region. This wildness doesn't simply come from a lack of logging-but logging is often where its loss begins.

It's not just in the most popular hiking spots, but in the healthy forests that attract visitors from cities like Boston. It's in the snowshoeing trails where local kids learn to love winter. It's in the crops grown by New Hampshire farmers, supported by intact ecosystems. It's in the coyotes you hear at night, the lynx that make surprise visits, and the animals we don't see-like the northern long-eared bat, a species already under threat and crucial for insect control that protects our crops.

Logging in the Lost River area would compromise the very things that make New Hampshire special-its natural beauty and its rural way of life. As someone prepared to invest in this state-through work, property, and taxes-I urge you to protect what makes it exceptional.

Please reconsider this project. Let's not risk the future of New Hampshire's wild identity and the livelihoods it supports.