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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I wish to object to the planned Lost River Integrated Resource Project, a proposal to log 1,093 acres in in the Mt Moosilauke region of the White Mountain National Forest of New Hampshire.

This logging entails clearing forest in roadless areas, threatening water quality and floodwater retention, as well as habitat for interior forest species. No logging should ever occur in Inventoried Roadless Areas, in my estimation, as they are among the wildest places left in New England and should be permanently protected.

In addition, the Forest Service has failed to properly inventory the carbon sequestration benefits of preserving older growth forest stands.

Clearly, given the crisis of carbon accumulation in the atmosphere threatening the stability of the climate more than at any time in known history, the benefit of forest carbon sequestration should be of utmost public priority.

As such, I call on the Forest Service to implement better analysis of this project's impact on carbon sequestration.

I believe the Forest Service should be resisting calls for higher logging cuts on public lands until such an analysis can be adequately supported and carried out.

Sincerely,

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