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Comments: I oppose the Lost River Integrated Resource Project for the following reasons:

- More than 91% of all proposed logging in the Lost River IRP is within two Inventoried Roadless Areas: one on the slopes of majestic Mt Moosilauke, and one surrounding beautiful Elbow Pond. Logging in roadless areas threatens water quality and floodwater retention, as well as habitat for interior forest species. No logging should ever occur in Inventoried Roadless Areas, period. These are among the wildest few places left in New England and should be permanently protected.
- The US Forest Service admits that the project is "Likely to Adversely Affect" the endangered Northern Long-eared Bat. This endangered bat can't afford to lose any more of its habitat, especially on public lands where logging is easily avoided.
- The Lost River IRP fails to account for negative impacts on carbon and the climate, but claims that logging will benefit both climate mitigation and climate resilience. The Forest Service should revise its assessment to do an accurate analysis of climate and carbon impacts as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

I am deeply concerned about climate change and the precedent that this project's cursory analysis set. We should be preserving as many trees on our wild public lands as possible. Think about your grandchildren, and their grandchildren. They deserve to have clean air, clean water, and access to healthy forests full of wild, native species.

Thank you.