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Comments: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Lost River Integrated Resource Project in the White Mountain National Forest. As someone who values the ecological, recreational, and climate-related importance of this region, I am deeply concerned by the proposal to log over 1,000 acres - including more than 200 acres of clearcuts - in such a sensitive and wild area.

This project targets land within Inventoried Roadless Areas near Mount Moosilauke and Elbow Pond - places that should be protected, not fragmented by commercial logging. These wild landscapes support imperiled species like the Northern Long-eared Bat, provide vital watershed protection, and offer increasingly rare opportunities for solitude and recreation in nature.

The Forest Service's own assessment admits likely adverse effects to endangered wildlife, yet it fails to provide a detailed or substantiated environmental analysis. Logging in roadless areas and habitat for endangered species directly contradicts the goals of conservation and climate resilience. I urge you to reconsider this project and explore alternatives that better align with long-term ecological stewardship.

Thank you for considering my comments.