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Comments: Public Lands should be a firewall against the human impulse to monetize everything. Contemporary - and future - ecological concerns are rendering historical approaches to forestry as anachronistic. New England's forest-cover is going down, biodiversity is going down, and flooding and drought and introduced pathogens/insects is up and is predicted to get worse. Stewards of public lands should not only protect - but instead promote and inspire for private landowners -the preciousness of our amazing natural heritage and protect it at all costs, even in the face of economic and political pressure. Please stop cutting down public forests. It's challenging to think in timeframes beyond a human life span. But our future depends upon it. thank you