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Comments: White mountains are a jewel. With 6 wilderness areas that can't be touched and are protected under the wilderness act, it is a place like no other on this planet. Logging in the White Mountain National Forest is a travesty. Rather than increasing the size of the wilderness areas the US forest service is cutting away at the national forest right up to the borders of these amazing wilderness areas.

The forest service loses money and competes with private land owners for the forest products market. We already have a glut of surplus timber in the region, already harvested and yet the forest service continues to log. There is no excuse for this. Under the guise of protecting and managing the forest, the forest service clear cuts large areas in this unbelievable and remarkable place. Shame on you!

Climate change, disease, erosion, and fire danger are all exacerbated by logging. Studies show this over and over again. The forest service's contention that climate change is a global problem so the release of carbon from their logging operations isn't actually significant on a global basis is just self-serving and so dishonest. You know better than that!

Tourism revenue, in New Hampshire was \$2.6B last summer and \$1.4 last winter.

The White mountains are like the magic sauce for us. What happens when they look more like an industrial hell scape rather than the beautiful mountains they are now.

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