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Comments: Folks, I urge you to revisit your draft environmental analysis to consider the following points:

First, 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.

Second, the USFS allows that the project is "Likely to Adversely Affect" the endangered Northern Long-eared Bat, but this endangered bat can't afford to lose any more of its habitat, especially on public lands where logging is easily avoided.

Finally, the Lost River IRP fails to account for negative impacts on carbon and the climate, but asserts 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.

Thank you for considering this comment.