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Comments: I strongly oppose the Lost River IRP. 91% of which falls within an Inventoried Roadless Area - representing some of New England's last remaining wildlands. No logging should happen within these forests that are so critical for wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, and passive recreation.

There is a known Northern Long-eared Bat hibernaculum just 0.15 miles from this project. That species utilizes habitat well beyond that distance for foraging and roosting. These lands should remain un-roaded and unlogged to maintain contiguous blocks of mature forest that myriad species depend on.

This project will not make our public forests more resilient to climate change. But rather increase the risk of spreading invasive plant species, dry out soil and downed wood, and increase winds through open clearcuts; all of which can increase wildfire risk. In addition to this, the project will produce an estimated amount of carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to driving 17,000 cars for a year.

Because of these findings I urge you to not move forward with this project.