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Comments: Public lands belong to all of us, including generations who have not been born yet. There is value in responsible management, but there is also value in restraint and in allowing some places to remain wild and largely undisturbed.

For those of us who live beside the White Mountain National Forest, these are not anonymous acres on a federal map. They are mountains we can name, watersheds, forests, wildlife habitat, trails, and places where our families have built memories. They are part of the character of our communities and part of what we hope to pass on to our children.

I urge the Forest Service to retain strong, durable protections for inventoried roadless areas and to carefully consider the long-term effects that removing these nationwide protections could have on forests, water, wildlife, recreation, and future generations.