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Dear Interested Citizen:

The Androscoggin Ranger District of the White Mountain National Forest is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lower Loop Project and would like your comments regarding the project. We are proposing Alternative 2 (Scoped Action) which includes the following management activities: (1) Timber harvest approximately 2.2 million board feet on 455 acres of National Forest land, utilizing both even-aged and uneven-aged management techniques and; (2) Perform restoration maintenance on 2.6 miles of existing Forest Service roads and re-establish 8 log landings.

The opportunity to comment on the EA ends 30 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the Manchester Union Leader. If you do not have access to this paper, please call the Androscoggin Ranger Station at 603-466-2713 (TTY 603-466-2856) for the published date. You can obtain copies of the EA at the Androscoggin Ranger Station and on the White Mountain National Forest web site at www.fs.fed.us/r9/white.

Please note that new regulations are in effect which allow only those who submit *timely and substantive* comments to be accepted as appellants. A substantive comment is defined as a comment that is within the scope of the proposed action, is specific to the proposed action, and has a direct relationship to the proposed action (36 CFR 215.2). Substantive comments will be used to refine issues, environmental effects, and alternatives.

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide the following information: (1) Name, address and telephone number; (2) Title of the proposed action; (3) Specific substantive comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision; and (4) Signature or other verification of identity upon request.

Comments should be directed to the Androscoggin Ranger District, Katherine Stuart via:

- Letter (300 Glenn Road, Gorham, NH 03581). Office business hours for those submitting hand delivered letters are Monday through Saturday 8:00am to 4:30pm;
- Phone (603-466-2371 ext. 210);
- FAX (603-466- 2856); or
- E-mail (comments-eastern-white-mountain@androscoggin@fs.fed.us). Electric comments should be submitted in plain text(.txt), rich text format(.rft) or Word (.doc) format.

Please be aware that your name, address and comments will become part of the public record and may be available for public inspection. If this is a concern, please contact us at your earliest convenience.



Thank you for taking the time to participate in this process and providing me with your thoughts. If you have any questions please contact Pat Nasta at 603-466-2713, ext. 222. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stuart
District Ranger