

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 16, 2020

Constance Carpenter
Acting Supervisor, White Mountain National Forest
United States Forest Service
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Campton, NH 03223

Dear Supervisor Carpenter,

We write with regards to the Wanosha Integrated Resource Project (IRP) proposed by the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) to be conducted in the Pemigewasset Ranger District. In light of noteworthy concerns raised with us by impacted residents and community members regarding the use of Mill Brook Road in Thornton for the Fisher Mountain timber sale, we would respectfully request that WMNF consider additional public comment and potential accommodation measures before moving forward with this portion of the project.

The Wanosha IRP's reliance upon Mill Brook Road in Thornton, particularly for purposes of transporting timber harvested from the project as well as the heavy equipment required to conduct this harvesting, is the first and foremost complaint raised by our constituents. Based upon the road conditions as examined by our staffs, we understand the concern that its steep grade and sharp turns could produce hazardous, and potentially tragic, traffic situations involving the large vehicles working on the Wanosha IRP. The safety of residents who rely on Mill Brook Road and workers on the Wanosha project sites must be the top priority as this project is considered. Given these factors, we believe WMNF would be well-served to carefully consider alternative routes.

We remain deeply grateful for the Forest Service's continued work to protect environmental integrity, wildlife habitats, and public access in WMNF. However, given the local community's reservations about Wanosha IRP, we would strongly urge further public dialogue to clarify and resolve the concerns with the use of Mill Brook Road. We would appreciate being kept informed on this project, and if we can do anything to assist, please do not hesitate to contact Sam Cooper-Wall in Congresswoman Kuster's Office (Sam.Cooper-Wall@mail.house.gov), Peter Clark in Senator Shaheen's Office (peter.clark@shaheen.senate.gov) or Ben Belanger in Senator Hassan's Office (ben.belanger@hassan.senate.gov). Thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator

Cc: Vicki Christiansen, Chief, United States Forest Service