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Comments: Since early-successional habitat for game animals is abundant in Vermont (and the current large numbers of deer carry large numbers of deer ticks), and since old growth and mature forests are increasingly scarce, the heavy logging or clear-cutting of mature forests that sequester carbon and preserve diversity is inadvisable. Furthermore, we are only beginning to understand the importance of mycorrhizae to the ecology of woodlands. As a taxpayer, and thus part-owner of the National Forest, I object to the proposed Telephone Gap project.