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Comments: I have a suggestion/concern regarding compartment C110 of the proposed timber harvest. This area is adjacent to the Cape Research Natural Area (RNA) of 297 acres, thought to be the largest and best old growth forest in Vermont. From the Vermont Wilderness Association (VWA) Proposal for the 2006 Vt Wilderness Bill: "A well-established biological principal holds that larger patches of old-growth forest are better than smaller stands. Research indicates that old-growth areas must be at least 500 to 1,000 acres in size in order to have a sufficient interior area-to-edge ratio, which provides the habitat conditions required by old-growth dependent species. The current designation of 290 acres is insufficient to protect its rare and priceless qualities." My suggestion for C110 is that Stand #20 (105 acres including 41 in roadless area, origin 1899) and Stand #4 (19 acres, origin 1904) be left unharvested. The 2006 VWA proposal noted that "much of the forest that surrounds the (Cape RNA) area is mature and would grow into old-growth conditions in a matter of decades. Protecting the entire area would increase the ecological integrity of the existing old-growth community, and keep it from further fragmentation." Leaving the forest around the Cape RNA unharvested will ensure that this priceless resource is preserved for us living today and for future generations.