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Comments: Our property borders the Green Mountain Forest land where the Telephone Gap area is located. We are downhill from the 2000 or so elevation where the proposed logging is intended to take place. We have had well issues during dry spells.

I am an outdoor enthusiast, and love to forage for wild mushrooms. Last year, I returned to a favorite spot near Bingo Road, and could not find the amazing tall evergreens that once stood there. It looked like a totally different area, one that I did not recognize. Needless to say, the mushroom habitat was gone. The cut trees laid all over the landscape, as if they were toothpicks strewn about. Tears came to my eyes and I wondered WHY, WHY was this much destruction needed inside the forest. (see attached photo of what that forest once looked like)

Surely, we must realize that cutting trees uphill will have devastating effects downhill as well. Do we want the landslides of CA? Do we want to affect the purity of our water supply? Tree roots and fungi are part of our ecosystem that provides us with water and soil.

Are we totally crazy to NOT realize that clear cutting as much land as is being proposed is going to benefit our environment, the wildlife, our health and our lives and the lives of future generations?

This just cannot be allowed to happen here in the most beautiful areas of Vermont.

We must preserve the old growth forests and let nature take care of nature instead of man forever meddling in her affairs.

What we do need to see is to stop all the toxins being spewn out of airplanes on a daily basis. It is those toxins that are causing tree destruction, poisoning them and stunting their growth, while the diseases take over.

STOP TELEPHONE GAP from ruining VERMONT!!!!

Mary Mester