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As a concerned citizen I would like to express my thoughts on the logging in the Telephone Gap area of the Green Mountain National Forest. I have hunted or hiked these woods for over 50 years. It's time to log every acre so you can bring some biodiversity back to the landscape.
Yes, there is some old growth forest, but most of it is dying or dead. An ice storm approximately 15-20 years ago snapped off many of the crowns of trees. Today they provide very limited canopy to sequester CO2 as some people are worried about. A majority of the trees have center rot and are at the end of their life cycle. Wildlife has practically disappeared from the landscape. I walked 7.6 miles in snow one day last deer season and never cut a track. Hunting has been going downhill quickly over the last 10 years. The owls don't even live there anymore because chipmunks and birds have moved out due to lack of food.
My wife and I like to hike up in those woods but even that has changed. We used to see some sort of wildlife on our outings, but are now lucky if we see a single bird. It's time to log and get some new growth going to support our wildlife.