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Comments: The Green Mountain National Forest should be congratulated for developing a comprehensive forest health program for the Telephone Gap IRP. This proposed project plan is so critical to protect the health of the forest in this region of 72,253 acres. The plan will protect the forest habitat, improve the forest health from further disease, positively impact climate issues and improve the overall quality of the timber growth. This plan should be a blueprint for improving many other forest resources in Vermont. I have always related the Vermont forest to a large vegetable garden. No one simply plants a garden and then just leaves it to grow up with weeds and rot from age of plants and disease. The Vermont forest is a very large garden that needs proper care, which is clearly demonstrated in this excellent plan prepared by The Green Mountain National Forest. A healthy Vermont Forest is the foundation to a strong climate and forest economy.