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Comments: Hello,

I'm writing in fierce opposition to the Telephone Gap logging project. Vermont should be protecting existing mature forest as much as possible given our climate goals and the need to sequester as much carbon as possible. The logging project will also be disruptive to existing wild animal habitats, recreational hiking via the Long Trail, and headwaters of many of Vermont's fresh waterways.

Protected wildlands - true backcountry - is rare on this earth. We have many other areas of the state that would be more suitable to economic development than existing old-growth forests.

Thank you, Colin