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Comments: The Forest Service Plan is outdated. It was intended for use for 10-15 years. It is 17 years old. However, according to the 2006 Forest Plan, (page 6) : " Proposed activities should be consistent with the 2006 plan. When conditions change, such a change in public interest or land resource conditions, or monitoring shows errors in the plan, adjustments to the 2006 plan require amendment. 1. Changes in physical, biological, social or economic conditions. 2. Recommendations of an interdisciplinary team, based on monitoring and evaluation". Conditions in fact have changed. Findings now show that old growth and mature forest contain and sequester carbon at a greater level than younger forests. President Biden has issued an Executive Order to leave old growth forests standing. An interdisciplinary team; the 2005 study called Enhancing. Flood Resiliency of Vt. State Lands, which was commissioned by the Forest Parks and Recreation Department specifically recommends using state lands to slow, spread and sink floodwaters in forest soils. Logging roads are drivers of water degradation, sediment and increased overland flows. Flooding could cost the state 5.2$ billion in property damage over the next century.
We know that our future weather predictions include more rain and especially micro burst storms.
All of these findings must be considered by the Forest Service, in accordance with their own plan guidelines.