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Comments: I don't understand how the Forest Service continues to flout President Biden's Executive Order, which fully protects mature and old growth forests. The Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project should be stopped right now because of that alone.

Why do you keep cutting our mature forests????? Are you even allowed to cut forests in an endangered species habitat? Northern Long-Eared Bat.

The areas you want to log have major concentrations of trees 80-160 years old. 1-3% of our forests in New England are old growth, yet you want to cut more down. This land should be managed for the benefit of wildlife and climate!!

Adding insult to injury, this project also proposes to log over 2,500 acres in one of Vermont's largest unprotected wildlands, a 16,000-acre "inventoried roadless area" that straddles the Long Trail and the crest of the Green Mountains south of Brandon Gap.

The massive timber sale would endanger water quality in Chittenden Reservoir, introduce invasive species, release vast amounts of carbon to the atmosphere, and destroy crucial habitat.

Why do you continue to act like we're in the 18th Century? Why can't you finally protect national forest lands??