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Comments: Despite the rarity of old forests across New England, the Telephone Gap timber sale targets 10,855-acres of mature and old forest up to 160 years of age, or 92% of the total area proposed for logging. Because of this, Telephone Gap has been called one of the worst logging projects on federal public lands by Climate Forests, a national coalition of 120 environmental groups. On Earth Day of 2022, President Biden issued an historic Executive Order directing the US Forest Service to conserve mature and old-growth forests to benefit the climate and biodiversity. As a result, the US Forest Service canceled a timber sale in Oregon because it violated the intent of President Biden's Executive Order. This needs to happen here in Vermont, the Green Mountain state. We are known for our green spaces and mountains, our fresh air, our love of nature that surrounds us. We certainly don't want a reputation for increasing the ever present danger of the climate crisis. The best thing we can do is leave those mature trees standing to sequester carbon and mitigate global warming. Let's not create a steeper mountain to climb, but assist the already heavy lift that the state and the world faces.