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Comments: I'm writing regarding the proposed logging in Telephone Gap. I strongly oppose the plan to log the area. I grew up in the town of Chittenden. I spent many hours as a young person hiking the forests that either include or border the proposed area to be logged. Those experiences helped foster in me a deep appreciation and respect for forests and especially old growth forests, for the habitats they provide to wildlife as well as the benefits to our mental health and our air and water qualities. As an adult I have learned how critical it is to maintain our forests to sequester carbon and act as a stalwart to global climate change. I am convinced it is a very bad idea for our state and our global climate to cut trees, especially in such large amounts as proposed. There are no sufficient justifications for Vermont to allow, let alone support the USFS destruction of this critical forest area. We need to plant more trees, and create more forests, not destroy them if we are to have any chance of preserving life on Earth. More over, my family still live in Chittenden, I still visit the area and still hike those forests. I'm deeply disturbed by the proposed logging in the Telephone Gap area and urge you to change course completely. Sincerely, Diana Bailey