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I would like to register my opposition to the planned timber sale of the Telephone Gap area of the Green Mountain national forest. While I understand that per statute, the Forest Service's mission is to both promote conservation and the timber industry, the recent Executive Order of the President and changes to the global climate (that will both ultimately harm conservation AND the timber industry) need to be prioritized above mere sales of timber resulting from the concession.

Namely, logging old growth forest no longer makes economic or environmental sense. The carbon released from such activity is likely to not be recuperated even in the long term due to the ensuing changes in forest makeup, drought extension, and insect range that will accompany a warming climate. Exacerbating those issues by logging century-old forests will weaken the United States and ultimately harm the timber industry reliant on resilient and sustainable forests.