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Comments: I am one of the few Americans in their 20's who have moved into Vermont in recent years. I did so not only because I was captivated by the landscape of the Green Mountains and the beauty of the state's forests, but because I believed that Vermont holds onto a common sense that many other parts of the country lack.

Vermonters are practical, and stay true to their values. For this reason, it is increasingly concerning to me that the US Forest Service is set to violate these values by cutting down large swaths of mature-growth forests in the Telephone Gap. The Forest Service withdrew a timber sale in Oregon because it targeted mature forests, but seem fine allowing the same targeting of mature growth forests in Vermont to go through. Let's hold onto our common sense--not onto whatever outdated policy is informing your decision--and pull together towards a better future for our country's ecosystems, wildlife, and beauty.