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Comments: One of the 4 basic principals of the revised 2006 Forest Plan is: The Forest Service holds a special duty to act in ways that help preserve the VT landscape, its communities, and rural economy.

How does that statement square with the recent findings that the FS ignored a special report that was contracted by the FS to evaluate policies and management plans? The UVM report recommends that we use state lands to slow, spread and sink floodwaters in forest soils. Logging roads and practices are drivers of water degradation and sedimentation, causing increased overland flows. Flooding could cost the state 5.2 billion \$ over the next century.

The current climate science shows that New England will be seeing increased rainfall and more micro-burst storms. So, clearly, increased logging is not a way to preserve and protect the rural landscape and economy.