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Comments: I've driven through the green mountains since I was a little girl. Hearing about the logging plans for the telephone gap area makes me incredibly sad, not only for my personal connection to the area but because many species would be negatively impacted, like the Northern- long eared Bat. Vermont prides itself on being a socially conscious state that values its environment. Being a part of the UVM community this has become overwhelmingly clear to me. If the logging deal goes through, it would set an example of how Vermont cares about the forests and the many species that find home here. We must think beyond ourselves and protect nature, as I believe all Vermonters would.