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It is with great sadness that I write this comment about the proposed logging project at Chittenden Reservoir. I cannot believe the National Forest Service is entertaining such a destructive activity for the area.

Chittenden Reservoir -as well as being a source of great beauty and enjoyment for people- is home to a wide variety of animals and plants . Large-scale logging would obliterate crucial habitat and have long-term effects on native species.

Delicate wildflowers (found few other places in our area) crushed by machinery, wildlife impacted by habitat and food- source destruction ,migration patterns changed, water quality diminished, and loss of mature trees should all point to this project being remarkably detrimental and unwise.

The widespread harvesting old-growth trees has a negative impact on our climate. Surely the state of Vermont can do better than support such an initiative. The Forest Service slogan of "caring for the land and serving people " would seem to be at odds with the proposed Telephone Gap project. I wish to register my concerns and objections to the project at this time.