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Comments: Dear US Forest Service managers,

Thanks for being stewards and managers of our national forests. I very much appreciate your dedication to the priceless resource that is our national forests and your public service in managing them. With that said, I'd like to politely disagree with the Telephone Gap logging proposal in the Green Mountain National Forest.

Despite being an avid fan of outdoor recreation activities, I have not spent as much time in Green Mountain National Forest as I would like. This makes me no less infuriated or vested about the project proposal, however. My reason for not getting out is that I have two small toddlers at home. Instead of multi-day hiking adventures, they are still only able to do smaller adventures closer to our home town of Brattleboro. Despite our current inability to get too far from home, we make it a priority to visit the parks and green spaces near us. More importantly however, it brings me great solace to know that the Green Mountain National Forest, with large swaths of un-logged, mature forests within, will be available for recreational use by my children, once they are old enough to enjoy such activities further away from home.

For the long term climate impacts, the water resources, the impacts on the northern long-eared bat, and for the recreational detriments that such a project would impose for parents like me and our kids, please reconsider the proposed Telephone Gap logging project.

Thank you for your time and reconsideration of this project.