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Comments: It is alarming to say the least that the US Forest Service would be considering cutting of old growth forest, the most efficient at mitigating CO2, here in our Green Mountain preserve. To what avail? Who or what profits - what entities will profit - from logging old-growth trees in our national forest? And how could whatever monetary "profits" outweigh the benefits of leaving the preserve alone? Aside from the obvious benefit to our region in terms of air quality, leaving the forest to its natural cycle benefits wildlife and the watershed - so much downstream! Disturbing it has untold costs. In this time of true climate emergency, it seems extremely short-sighted and sadly corporate to look at the old growth trees as something to be extracted. Please reconsider this myopic plan.