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Comments: I worry that most Vermonters don't realize the devastation that can be caused by logging. I know about it from personal experience. I purchased my land from a logging company, which retained a right of way through my property to get to the mountainside acreage adjacent to my property that they retained for the purpose of logging. They told me they did not do clear cutting. Rather, they were "responsible" loggers who considered themselves caretakers of the land. But after the first time they logged there, I couldn't believe the disaster they left behind. To them, walking was an unprofitable waste of time. Instead, they bulldozed paths so they could ride right up to a few trees they wanted to log. The bulldozer cut down trees they didn't even want and left them lying where they fell. There wasn't a sapling or shrub they hadn't partially or completely destroyed. I shudder to think of what is going to happen to the pristine forest of the Telephone Gap. The forest service's job is to protect the National Forest, not sell its riches for profit. For shame!