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Comments: I write to express my opposition to the Telephone Gap logging proposal.

Mature trees are crucial to our climate battle because of their ability to store such a large amount of carbon. Most of the forests in the Telephone Gap area are over 100 years old. These old forests store 2 to 4 times more carbon than younger trees.

And, there are adequate sources of lumber on private and state land in the state of Vermont.

As a family that adores our time at the serene and untouched environment that is our Chittenden Reservoir, those lush mountainsides would show human destruction.

Logging in Telephone Gap contradicts current best practices in land management and is in violation of President Biden's executive order that the USFS conserve mature and old growth forests to benefit the climate and biodiversity.

Please honor the law and protect our Earth for future generations!