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Comments: Some trees in this latest proposal are up to 160 years old. Science tells us that old trees are the best allies we have in pulling carbon out of the atmosphere and keeping Earth cool. I personally do not support leasing this 12,000 acres for logging. This is of utmost importance that we stop this. We need to preserve Vermont as much as we can. I value this personally and also as a mental health clinician in this state, acknowledging the importance of keeping value of our forests for people to engage with and increase positive mental health, which research supports. Please stop this proposal and protect our trees!