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Comments: The Telephone Gap proposal claims that logging is needed to create early successional habitat. This type of habitat is already created in the Green Mountains naturally by wind, ice, beavers, and all sorts of other conditions and creatures. I oppose your plan because it assumes that humans know how to take care of the forest better than nature does.

Human intervention in the forest is often counterproductive, as in the case of invasive species and water quality degradation. In addition, trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, helping to reduce greenhouse gasses. Logging these trees decreases their ability to do this important job for us.

The Green Mountains already know how to take care of themselves. Rather than replacing what nature does best, let's focus on protecting our forests and allowing them to thrive without disruption or exploitation. Our environment and future generations will thank us in the long run.