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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I read with deep dismay about your proposal to log the mature forest in the Telephone Gap area of Vermont. While I live in Massachusetts, one of my favorite places in the US is Vermont with its beautiful Green Mountains from which it takes its name. These trees in the national forest are a treasured legacy for all Americans, and should not be logged in the name of misguided climate mitigation when in fact the logging is for the benefit of the forest produces industry which buys lumber from the federal government for low amounts. The US taxpayers are doubly injured: losing their mature forests which will never return, and not even getting paid much for it.

This is a bad idea. Please do not go forward with it.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.