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Comments: As a resident of western Massachusetts, I often go to the Green Mountains in Vermont. Protecting existing trees is by far the least expensive solution to address global warming. Mature and old-growth forests excel at removing and storing carbon from the atmosphere. And yet, 92% of the areas proposed for logging in the Telephone Gap timber sale are classified as mature or old by the Green Mountain National Forest, violating President Biden's historic Executive Order from Earth Day 2022, which directed the US Forest Service to protect these forests for the benefit of the climate and biodiversity. The proposed project will also hasten the extinction of the Northern Long-eared bat and threatens important headwaters for Otter Creek, which flows into Lake Champlain, as well as the White River, a tributary of the Connecticut River. I strongly urge the Forest Service to cancel this project. Thank you for your consideration.