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Comments: For more than 20 years my daughter and her family who live in Cuttingsville, have paddled, rowed, fished and camped on and around the Chittenden Reservoir. My wife and I, who live in Bristol, VT have joined them on occasion.
We know this to be a popular resource for the public with pristine waters and forests. We also know that healthy forests are critical to maintaining the health of this ecosystem into the future. And that logging operations can seriously degrade the it, leading to water quality problems and loss of habitat and species variety. (These are moose calving grounds.)
But there's more; mature trees sequester many time more carbon than replanted forests for many years, and during this time of increasing carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere we need all the sequestration we can get, right now. If these trees are going to be used for heating or electricity production, their burning makes the problem even worse.
For these reasons we oppose the plan to open the forests to logging operations.