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Comments: I OPPOSE the US Forest Service project plan to log nearly 12,000 acres of the Telephone Gap area of the Green Mountain National Forest.

I moved to Vermont last year from Pittsburgh, PA in search of three things...clean air, clean water and old growth forests. This plan opposes all of those things, and the plan VIOLATES President Biden's Executive Order from Earth Day 2022, which directed the US Forest Service to protect these forests for the benefit of the climate and biodiversity.

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.

We need these forests intact to meet our climate goals, to keep our lands biodiverse and to clean the air we breathe. If this project goes through, important headwaters for Otter Creek will be at risk. The clean waters flow into Lake Champlain, as well as the White River, a tributary of the Connecticut River. Logging threatens water supply for humans like the Chittenden Reservoir, and risks exacerbating flooding in downstream communities.

I ask that this project be stopped, for the safety of the planet, our air, our water, and the rich diversity of beings that live in the Telephone Gap.

Thank you,

Jenna Date
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