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Comments: I object to the Telephone Gap logging project and in particular object to any and all trees over 50-years old being included in the logging. These trees are essential to sequestering carbon and have a much higher value in that capacity than they do as lumber. This is due in large part to the outdated Forest Plan, a plan that is woefully inadequate in managing forests in the age of climate chaos. Important factors, such as habitat loss, erosion, loss of biodiversity, loss of needed carbon sequestration, all need to included in the cost/benefit analysis before any trees are logged. Finally, Vermont's private forests can supply all of the timber we need while logging younger trees.