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Comments: This sale needs to be reduced or stopped. The public benefit of this commercial logging will be overwhelmed by the lost ecosystem services of this timber sale.

Commercial logging of our public forests should be managed as a renewable process that is not destructive to wildlands and watersheds.

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 mature forests for the benefit of the climate and biodiversity

The Telephone Gap timber sale proposes nearly 2,600 acres of logging inside the 16,000-acre Pittenden Inventoried Roadless Area, second largest in the entire Green Mountain National Forest and one of the largest wildlands in Vermont.

Respectfully, John Landau