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Comments: I was deeply dismayed to read that The U.S. Forest Service is proposing to log 11,800 acres of mostly mature and old trees in Vermont's Green Mountain National Forest east of Brandon.

Why is this being proposed? Who will profit from it? Certainly not the climate, or the ecosystems.

A 2010 UVM study estimated that "unmanaged forests in the Northeast store 39%-118% more carbon than forests with any form of logging..."

If this study is true, why would we even consider tampering with the forests?

As life on earth moves at a terrifying pace toward the 6th great extinction (with many species well on the way even now) we must be creative enough to find alternative ways to provide fuel, ways that leave our Vermont forests (and all their biodiversity) in tact.