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Comments: The suggestion to cut the mature trees of Vermont is utterly irresponsible, and is not offset by the suggestion of introducing new recreational trails. Though I am from out of state, I have traveled all across this country, including Vermont, and I love to see the nature of every state I can. Introducing new trails, and even parking lots, into some of Vermont's most untouched wilderness will not improve tourism, but will actually harm it, especially given the vast swathe of forest that will be destroyed as part of this project. Forests of mature trees must be preserved for our present enjoyment, as well as the enjoyment of the next generation.

While I'm sure that many other comments have been received involving the ecological impact of this project, allow me to reiterate that this project would destroy mature trees that are absolutely necessary for natural carbon sequester, and that these mature areas of forest account for over 90% of the total area that is at risk of being logged.

This project also puts at risk endangered bat and fish populations. The aforementioned bats would be unable to thrive in replanted forests, as they require mature forest to provide for their roosting and foraging needs, not to mention that working around this endangered species would involve either disturbing them, perhaps illegally, or expending resources to ensure the animal's well-being. This project presents a very clear risk of harming the ecosystem of not just a single forest, but the entire state, and blemishing nature for the rest of history.

As a concerned outsider, and sometimes visitor, who genuinely loves the natural landscape of your state, I would urge that this project is strongly reconsidered.