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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I don't understand the reason behind logging on the TGap! Makes no sense!

There is no need for more young forests in Vermont because all of Vermont is young forest due to the logging that's taken place. Very few trees in Vermont are older than 80 years.

The negative impacts of logging for Early Successional Habitat Creation are many.

- \* Most animal species prefer old forests - they don't need open, young forests.
- \* Openness allows for invasive species
- \* We need old forests for carbon sequestration - the bigger the trees the more carbon stored.
- \* Public health; clearcutting and trashing old forests require pesticides and other toxic chemicals.

It appears one of the reasons for this project is to protect three bird species and a rabbit species??But what about the endangered Northern Long-eared Bat that will become extinct if it loses its habitat? The Northern Long-eared Bat is on the federal endangered species list. The bird species and rabbits can adapt to other areas, but the Long-eared Bat will die!

You really need to pursue other alternatives such as:

- \* Creation of Wildlife refuges
- \* Expanding public parks
- \* Creation of multiple-use land

Thank you for your time.