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Comments: I AM OPPOSED TO THE PLAN TO LOG TELEPHONE GAP.

1. 92% of the area proposed for cutting include areas with old and mature forests.
2. This plan threatens the endangered northern long eared bat.
3. It threatens the headwaters of the Otter Creek and the White River, and risks exacerbating flooding in downstream communities.
4. It targets one of the largest roadless areas in Vermont.
5. President Biden's 2022 Executive Order, directed the USFS to protect mature forests for the benefit of the climate and biodiversity. ([savepublicforests.org](https://www.savepublicforests.org))

The proposal to cut Telephone Gap is based on a 2006 management plan. That plan and the Telephone Gap proposal hardly mention the newest science which shows VT forests have the capacity to hold 2-4 times more carbon to help with the climate crisis if we don't cut them. Allowing at least the public forests to be wild gives VT the chance to increase our old growth forests and therefore our carbon storage ability.