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Comments: Please reconsider the plan to log the Green Mountain National Forest near Telephone Gap, south of Rochester, Vermont. The plan as presented contradicts the Presidential Executive Order to "conserve mature and old-growth forests for climate and biodiversity". It is important to secure as many contiguous areas of wild, old-growth forests. Logging in such areas should be limited to only provide emergency access and to allow for controlled burns should extended droughts ever lead to fires. New logging will damage native species, and ruin one of the regional treasures, The Long Trail (the extension of the Appalachian Trail north from Killington to the Canada border). Logging here will also endanger the White River watershed. Please stop the current plan immediately and return a new plan that minimizes the risk to this old-growth forest, including trees up to 160 years old, that does not pose risks to local watersheds.

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The Green Mountain National

Forest classifies 92% of this area as mature or old trees (up to 160-years). This is in direct opposition to President Biden's Executive Order to "conserve mature and old-growth forests for climate and biodiversity".