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Comments: Hello,

I am concerned about plans to log 11,800 acres in the Telephone Gap area of the Green Mountain National Forest in the vicinity of Chittenden. Not only is this area a national treasure, but more importantly, older trees such as those in the Telephone Gap region sequester far more carbon than younger trees. Studies show that the largest 1% of trees in our country sequester 30% of the carbon.

Our tax dollars should not subsidize climate change, for which we are only beginning to see the devastating effects. Logging public lands must stop. Private forests in Vermont can provide all the lumber we need by cutting younger trees and leaving older public forests to do their essential job.

I urge you to cancel plans to log these old trees in the Telephone Gap area of our National forest.

Sincerely,

a Vermonter and former resident of Chittenden