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The forest in the Telephone Gap region of the National Forest must be among the most beautiful in a state filled with natural beauty. The views from Chittenden Reservoir are truly stunning especially in the autumn. Beauty aside, leaving the existing forest intact has a far more practical purpose. President Biden has decreed the the USFS conserve old growth and mature forests. How can the United States decry the destruction of the Amazon Rain Forest and yet facilitate the destruction of our own natural resources. I think responsibility begins at home. In Vermont most forest lands are privately owned which affords our timber industry sufficient raw materials. There is no need for the give-away of public resources to private enterprise.