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Comments: The 2006 Forest Plan section : Headwaters, "Stewardship responsibility begins by conducting management activities in manner that perpetuates abundance of clean water and maintenance of productive soils.

The report "Enhancing Flood Resiliency of VT State Lands in 2015, a report that was contracted by the Forest and Parks Department to evaluate practices and management plans and make recommendations specific to attenuating flood flows/water quality/downstream floods recommends that we use State Lands to slow, spread, and sink floodwaters into forest soils. Logging roads and practices are drivers of water degradation and sedimentation.

If all of this is true for State Forest Lands, it must also be true for National Forest Lands. Allowing degradation of water resources by logging practices is in direct confrontation with the Forest Plan, as it does not promote an abundance of clean water and maintenance of productive soils.