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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I have been following the story of your proposed logging project, the "Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project" and have very strong feelings about it. I urge you to cancel this proposed project at once. Not only will it destroy scarce old growth forest, but will also disequalize multiple species, leading to more reduced bio-diversity and less contiguous areas of wild lands.

I have called Vermont my home for the past four decades. Our open spaces and wilderness areas are continuing to diminish through human activities. We cannot make wild again what we raze and put new homes and buildings on. The loss of very old trees in an old forest is not a petty thing.

We are a PART of nature and what we do (or choose to not do) impacts us as well as multiple species. There are always unintended results to actions motivated by "efficacy". Please abandon this project.

We have way too much at stake.

Sincerely, Leigh Harder