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Comments: I am a resident of Vermont and I object to this proposed logging project in the strongest terms possible. Logging this area would be extremely destructive of the public good and the well-being of all Vermonters as well as the nation. At a time when mature and old-growth forests are needed more than ever before for carbon sequestration and preservation of wildlife habitat and ecological services, this proposed logging project should never have been considered. The very thought of cutting mature trees in Green Mountain National Forest anywhere flies in the face of reason and sound ethics.

Vermont and all of this country, indeed the entire planet is in the throes of a climate crisis caused in large part by such foolish, destructive and counterproductive projects as the one proposed here. Allowing this area to be logged will cause so much harm to this region, threatening sensitive species and robbing the region of desperately needed mature and old growth trees that have been sequestering carbon for up to 160 years. There is no possible way to justify the loss of these invaluable mature and old-growth trees. None.

Moreover, logging the proposed area is guaranteed to lead to massive erosion, species loss, and immeasurable loss of public resources. The damage the proposed project will do to the physical environment, as horrendous as it is, pales when compared to the loss of trust and faith in the US Forest Service's commitment to serving and preserving public lands and interests. Please, do not approve this proposed desecration of an invaluable public resource.