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Comments: I am struck by the fact that for centuries before Europeans came to Vermont, the people who lived here for centuries maintained a healthy ecosystem that teemed with life and Vermont was virtually covered with forest. It only took the 'settlers' a few years to wipe that out. Why did they do this? I can only think they could not think how to live any other way. Now, I see the supporters of the Telephone Gap lumbering are companies who make their living selling lumber. This is their way of life and they can't think of any other way to live? I myself have changed careers multiple times in my working life because circumstances made this necessary. What has to happen for people to start putting habitat above commerce, as the people who preserved this beautiful state for hundreds of years did, before it was stripped and sold off by the present owners? It boggles my mind still that a U.S. President can sell off the Gulf of Mexico to the highest bidder. I've seen what the forest looks like after commercial logging, a mess that evicts all of the wildlife that made homes there, opens up scars for opportunistic flora and disrupts soil biological systems. Then the loggers go home, their own homes still intact. There are better ways of harvesting lumber, but profit is the god that drives these operations, and that means treating habitat like it is a lifeless concern to be carved up like a dead animal. I have been called simple many times--but it is simple. The Earth that supports us is a living system and it is our own lives and the lives of our children and all life tied up in it. All the lumber companies hear is the word 'no' when forest is preserved, unfortunately, and they are the one feeling victimized. I can't feel sorry for them.