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Comments: I live in Chittenden, Vermont and am against the logging of the Telephone Gap area of the Green Mountain National Forest. I write to you to re-consider this initiative.

Mature trees should not be logged because they store a lot of carbon. Most of the forest in the Telephone Gap area are over 100 years old.

Adequate sources of lumber within the state of Vermont exist on private and state land. The best use for USFS land in our current climate crisis is for carbon storage.

In addition to the climate problems with logging, there would be scalped areas on the Chittenden Reservoir. Not only are these spaces visually affected, but it is also taking habitat from plants and animals that rely on these mature trees.

On Earth Day 2022, President Biden issued an executive order directing the USFS to conserve mature growth forests to benefit the climate and biodiversity. I ask you to cancel the logging project we desperately need to conserve.

Thank you,
Denise Cupoli
Resident
Chittenden, Vermont