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Comments: Forests store 50% of above-ground carbon worldwide. New England's forests are one of the largest, most important concentrations of carbon-dense older forests in the U.S. The 2006 GMNF forest plan did not take into account more recent data on how climate change has accelerated and the role of mature and old forests in storing carbon. Cutting forests to create young forests accelerates climate change.

Here's an idea: dedicate a large portion of the mature forest in the Telephone Gap management area for an ecological preserve, or as a climate carbon reserve, or a climate research forest. This would make GMNF a national leader in new forest management approaches.