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Comments: You probably are aware that mature forests sequester more carbon. This alone is valid reason for stopping plans to log old forest in the Green Mountain National Forest. Even with current best practices applied, the mature trees are irreplaceable because new plantings will not mature to store enough carbon in time to stop the disaster of irremediable climate change.

As a rural Vermont organization, the East Valley Community Group aims to build community and offer citizen support in our region in order to live safer, happier lives as social systems are eroded by climate change and its accompanying economic disruption.

The wildlife and water protection offered by the big trees also merits their preservation. Logging out old trees is part of timber science that needs to be discarded due to broader concerns than short-term economic benefit, alas. Climate change has brought a necessary new view of forests.

Please stop the logging at Telephone Gap and other mature stands in the National Forest!

Thank you, Josephine Carothers