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Comments: I have reviewed the Telephone Gap Project Proposed Action and agree with proposal.

The forest products industry in Vermont is a huge economic factor in the State contributing over 1 billion dollars

the annual economic output and supporting over 10,000 jobs.

The comprehensive proposed actions outlined in the list include improving the forest by increasing early successional habitat, regenerating aspen and birch in certain areas, which requires the disturbance of mineral soil (through timber harvesting), increasing the recreational resources (including trails) and improving roads.

The proposed actions were well thought out by professionals and take into consideration the long-term management of the area for the production of forest products, wildlife, recreation, special uses and other aspects of management of the resources in a very professional manner and covering a broad spectrum.

As a Licensed Professional Forester in New Hampshire and Maine and working in all New England states, I fully support the proposed actions as outlined in the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project.