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Comments: I urge you to reconsider the Telephone Gap project and think about all of the important biodiversity and water supply factors that are at risk with the proposal of this project. I feel very strongly about preserving land in places like the beloved Green Mountain National Forest and making sure we preserve this natural habitat for generations to come. In the time that I have been living in Vermont I have had the wonderful experience of exploring beautiful places like the Green Mountain National Forest.

Old growth forests are instrumental in removing carbon from the atmosphere and pivotal to our collective fight against the ever-growing crisis of climate change. Please do no not destroy these trees and the habitat they create, jeopardizing endangered species that rely on them, simply for economical gain. Projects like Telephone Gap represent the types of actions that will have a direct, negative impact on my generation and future generations.