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Comments: I strongly oppose this project. I was born in Vermont and returned here after college to raise my family. One of the things I love about this state is our extensive forests, wilderness, and commitment to protecting these lands. There are so many reasons to abandon this project: it violates President Biden's Executive Order from Earth Day 2022, to protect mature forests for the benefit of climate and biodiversity, as 92% of the areas proposed for logging are mature and old growth forests. This project threatens important headwaters, impacting communities and animals in the area. This project also further endangers the Long-Eared Bat which uses the proposed area for roosting. Yet even if all these reasons did not exist, I still believe this project should be abandoned. This area is one of the largest wild lands in Vermont. Besides impacting the species that live in these areas, this drastically changes the landscape of our state and the priorities we should have, not just as Vermonters, but as humans reckoning with a rapidly changing climate. Far too often we underestimate the value of wilderness to the health of all humans, for recreation, for air quality, for a sense that we exist harmoniously with the natural world, and don't take from it more than we need. I don't believe there is a need for this project to proceed, and that it would cause great harm to the communities around Telephone Gap, the wildlife of the forest, and all of us in the state of Vermont.