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Comments: To all, The community outcry over the USFS cutting plan for Telephone Gap has everything to do with our goals as a nation. Carbon in the atmosphere is the greatest threat to humanity since the nuclear bomb was created. We are all cognizant of the changes that are impacting the globe, and the time-sensitive nature of some possible mitigating steps. The president of the United States has committed a large portion of our national budget to pulling carbon out of the atmosphere, as have nearly all developed countries around the world. Yet the USFS- the FOREST service- is planning on taking out trees? For what? Has the left hand not heard what the right hand is doing?

Please listen. Listen to the people, the good citizens of Vermont. Listen to the scientists who have been trying to get our attention for the past 30 years. Listen to the earth, how fires and droughts are more frequent, and storms more severe. Please listen, and plot a new course for the forest, a course where carbon sequestration is the main goal. We don't have time to waste.