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Comments: Many environmental experts make it clear that harvesting timber in the "telephone gap" is not the best policy if you're concerned about the environment and climate change. It seems to me the only valid reason for allowing this is for the business of timber harvesting. I too have a business which has supported me here in Vermont since 1984. Destroying forests in this pristine area is diametrically opposed to my business as I rely on this scenic area for part of my income.

I am a landscape photographer, and rely totally on the tourist industry for my income. Clearcut forests don't work for the actual taking of photos where I am trying to show the natural scenic beauty of Vermont. Many tourists (my customers) come to Vermont to enjoy hiking in the natural wilderness. This is particularly relevant in the popular and scenic area around Chittenden Reservoir. Timber harvesting with the necessary roads and subsequent noise are the antithesis of why people come to Vermont in the first place. I urge reconsideration of the plan to allow timber harvesting in the telephone gap.