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Comments: I am not a tree-hugger. I have a chainsaw and I heat with wood. My woodlot is a working woodlot and is enrolled in Vermont's Use Value program.

I am writing in opposition to the old growth logging that is proposed in the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project. The biodiversity of large and unfragmented stands of old forests is important. Private landowners such as myself cannot create that type of ecosystem because we are too small and we live in locations where habitats are already fragmented. It must be for the government to preserve on behalf of the public, and without further fragmentation, the Telephone Gap old forest ecosystem.