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Comments: I am a resident of Rochester writing to express my concern about the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project. I understand that our forests have many important uses, but I hope that we will take every step possible to protect Vermont's beautiful forests and in particular the old growth trees. We hope to preserve as much as possible for the health and beauty of these areas and our environment, for recreational enjoyment, and to protect it for our wildlife.

I urge the Forest Service to keep this in mind as it decides on the usage plan and not to approve or include any large-scale logging project, clearcutting, or any logging of old growth trees.

While the economic role of our forests is also important, large-scale logging in particular does not even benefit our local economy, as these projects tend to go to out-of-state companies rather than our local logging businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.