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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

I strongly oppose the harvesting of old growth timber forest being considered under the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project in Vermont. Every species on the planet is being, or will be affected by rapid climate change. The Forest Service will be destroying thousands of carbon sequestering trees along with critical habitat for numerous species of wildlife. The entire area is a necessary, functioning, balanced ecosystem. If it is cut down, it's gone.

Vermont is already battling numerous invasive species due in large part to rising temperatures. This action will create abundant habitat for more of those same species. A large swath of stumps, discarded dead trees and undergrowth will be of no use to the vibrant and complex system of flora and fauna that exist there at present.

This project is unnecessary, short-sighted, and not suited to the 21st century environmental crisis that we all face. I urge you to rethink this misguided endeavor.

Sincerely,

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