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Comments: As the pandemic showed us, access to the outdoors and natural resources of this state are critical to our health. I have often hiked in Vermont and the GMN Forest, and believe that any unnecessary logging threatens not just our human health, but the health of all species and our climate and world as we know it.

It appears that for the logging proposed it would go against President Biden's 2022 Earth Day executive order that directed the US Forest Service to protect these mature forests from logging due to the potential impact on biodiversity and worsening the climate crisis. So what is the rationale here?

I also lived through flooding caused by Hurricane Sandy. Even though it did not directly hit the Lake Champlain Valley where I live, it devastated many watersheds in Vermont. At a state level, I believe we have been working to mitigate these vulnerable watersheds. This action goes directly against these preventive measures.

Please reconsider and stop or reduce the acreage of this planned logging.

Thank you MF

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