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Comments: As the climate continues to dramatically change as easily evidenced by the changes we are seeing locally, there's no yardstick which can be used to justify the deforestation or nearly 12,000 acres. This is a very, very bad idea and even worse timing. This much logging will release more carbon into the biosphere than 1.5 times as many vehicles on the road in all of Vermont. Not only will it open and release that, it will affect water storage leading to more desertification, it will destroy vast amounts of animal habitat and it will stop future carbon absorption for centuries to come. Please stop this plan.