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Comments: I will be brief. VT is heavily forested (at least 80%). We should "buy local", rely on our own resources and cut a lot more firewood and lumber. Alas, we barely make a dent in what grows every year. At our current anemic rate of harvesting it would take a hundred years to get back around to the same lot. The Green Mountain National Forest was created in part to be a source of revenue for rural towns through timber sales. This revenue is almost entirely gone these days, thus betraying many small towns, such as Ripton, who have little taxable land and urgently need USFS lands to generate revenue. Yet, so-called environmentalists have seen to it that our forests sit largely idle - putting a lot of local businesses and laborers out of work and causing VT to rely on imports from outside VT and New England to meet our consumption needs while our own resources remain untouched. It is pure hypocrisy and nimbyism. We buy hardwood handles for our yard tools that come from Chinese logging operations devastating the forests of Indonesia, for example. We heat our homes with imported pellets brought to VT on trucks, for another example. We buy cheap flat pack furniture made by Chinese companies from pulp from fragile forests. Sad. Well-managed USFS projects pose no environmental threat and in fact will lessen the environmental impact globally.