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Comments: As a lifelong Vermonter I'd like to register my dismay at and opposition to the plan to log the northern hardwood forest at Telephone Gap. Anything this close to the sacrosanct Chittenden reservoir is a potential polluting event.

Plus, the climate science is very clear - mature and old forests with large trees will sequester and store far more carbon in the next 30 or 50 years, the years most critical for climate mitigation, than a planted, young forest. So much of the Green Mountain forest has been repeatedly logged, with several species like beech and ash suffering spreading disease even when young.

Why mess up a healthy, old forest for the sake of lumber? There is plenty of less worthy wood to harvest.

thank you for reconsidering this plan,

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