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Comments: Hello,

The proposal to log almost 12,000 acres mostly mature and old growth forest in the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF), at Telephone Gap east and south of Brandon, needs to be rescinded. The proposal is based on an out-of-date 2006 Forest Plan and does not account for the impact on climate change at all. The project must be stopped until it can demonstrate compliance with President Biden's 2022 Executive Order to protect mature and old forests.

Forests, especially old trees that store the most climate-changing carbon dioxide, take from the atmosphere and store 50% of the world's above ground carbon. These forests need to be preserved. It is one of the most effective things we can do to mitigate the effects of climate change.

The GMNF staff should work cooperatively with community groups (such as [SavePublicForests.org](https://www.savepublicforests.org) of which I am a member) to develop a "climate-smart" alternative that permanently protects most of the old forests on the public land in carbon reserves (while getting needed timber sustainably harvested from younger trees on private lands). Such climate-smart forestry should become a national model.

Thank you,