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Comments: I am a resident of Weybridge and a member of Pollinator Pathway of Weybridge. I am concerned about proposed logging in the Telephone Gap in the Green Mountain National Forest for these reasons.

Large trees targeted for logging sequester a great deal of carbon, they anchor the soil and prevent erosion, they provide a home for multiple insect species which are food for songbirds, and they protect the other wildlife that depends on trees for food and shelter. Furthermore, taking out large trees allows more room for invasive plants, which then make the forest less beneficial for wildlife.

I agree with many people and groups that the Telephone Gap review need to consider more recent scientific studies than the 2008 studies that are being used for this project.

We must leave our National Forest land forever wild so that it can anchor the biodiversity that the Earth needs to survive. We cannot continue with our human-centered approach to the natural world.