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Comments: I oppose the proposed Telephone Gap timber sale. At a time when we experiencing the profound effect we are having on the planet, it is important to me that we protect our old growth forests. The first step to do that is to not approve this sale. If we can not protect our "National Forest" old growth trees, how can ask poorer nations to protect theirs. Many of the same arguments for economic needs are what drive the destruction of the rainforest. Please uphold President Biden's Executive Order which directed the US Forest Service to protect these forests for the benefit of the climate and biodiversity. The Northern Long-eared bat is a species that this tract of land could help protect. Vermont is known as a trend setter and if we allow this project to move forward then other states will follow suit and the diversity of our National Forests will be at risk. Thanks for your consideration.