

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/10/2023 9:09:58 PM

First name: Phil

Last name: Knight

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Hello I am alarmed at the prospect of the Telephone Gap logging proposal in the Green Mountain National Forest. This goes completely against President Biden's call to protect large trees and old growth forest to offset climate change.

Surely we do not need to log this small, well loved national forest. Its highest and best use is to preserve biodiversity and big old trees, as well as to store carbon. I spent a lot of time in the Green Mountain back in the 1980s - I hiked 200 miles of the Long Trail. These wonderful hardwood forests are unique and should be allowed to grow and reclaim the land from the logging frenzy that swept New England in the past.

The last thing we need is more stumps. We need forests - they are magic machines that do so many things for us for free, like holding and filtering water, sheltering wildlife, storing carbon, producing oxygen, providing shade and aesthetic beauty.

NO to Telephone Gap logging project.