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Comments: I am very concerned about the impact of this large-scale timber sale on the Green Mountain National Forest and Vermont, especially the large clearcuts and shelterwood cuts proposed and the building of new logging roads This project will destroy habitat needed by forest interior songbirds and mammals such as the rare marten that prefer intact forest. The clearcuts will affect the scenic views of the forest currently enjoyed by recreationists and tourists. In a time when climate change threatens to make our planet uninhabitable, these trees are much more valuable for carbon sequestration and storage than for timber. This project is totally inconsistent with President Biden's 2022 Executive Order to conserve mature and old-growth forest on federal lands, prevent biodiversity loss, retain and enhance forest carbon storage, and practice climate-smart forestry.