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Comments: I am strongly opposed to the proposal to log old and mature forests at Telephone Gap.

* This violates President Biden's Executive order to protect old trees, and it hurts our ability to stop climate change while time is critically short.

* Stopping biodiversity loss and extinction are critical to our own survival, and cutting old forests decimates many vulnerable species, including the endangered Northern Long Eared Bat.

* Water quality will be threatened, putting the White River and Lake Champlain at risk.

* The proposal is based on an outdated Forest Plan, old science and old policies.