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Comments: A simple question, since on Earth Day 2022, President Biden issued an Executive Order directing the US Forest Service to conserve mature and old-growth forests to benefit the climate and biodiversity, then why is USFS considering logging Telephone Gap? Does it not fit the criteria of mature and old-growth forest?

And why is the precautionary principle not being used here? If we truly want to do fundamental actions on climate change, then we should not be logging areas that can retain carbon. In addition, climate change may make it difficult to ever reforest these areas once logged.

Please postpone logging and go back to the drawing board. Forestry is an important part of Vermont's economy but should not be done at the expense of maintaining mature forests and intact tracts of forestland. We have plenty of other areas in Vermont that can continue to be logged in a responsible and sustainable manner and those areas should encouraged to become FSC certified.

Areas like Telegraph Gap should be retained.