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Comments: Telephone Gap is a tract of forested land where the trees that are quite old. We must cease and desist logging in this area.

On Earth Day, President Joe Biden issued an executive order that directs federal agencies to conduct an inventory of mature and old-growth forests on America's federal lands so that policies can be adopted to protect them. The administration framed the move as a key strategy to store carbon and address climate change.

Reinforcing the administration, 135 climate and natural resource experts sent a letter to the president that affirmed the importance of mature forests and big trees. Older trees accumulate and store tremendous amounts of carbon over many centuries, providing vital wildlife habitat, clean water, clean air, and mitigation for floods and droughts. Protecting them is a key tool in the fight against climate change.

Vermont must protect our older forests, for the climate, our children and the survival of life on this planet. Please do your part. Stand up to logging companies on this. We need these trees standing tall!