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Comments: Hello,

Thank you for listening.

I have lived and worked on a couple of islands which have National Forests. I worked and lived for a number of years on Mt Desert Island, Maine. Acadia National Park was my backyard of sorts and remains so. I was a gardener for Mary Rockefeller and David Morgan. I worked at Caneel Bay on St John, USVI. I walked to work every day through the park and home at night if I didn't get a ride with one of the locals. I worked and lived in Wyoming where the local trails took me everywhere. I volunteered at the Murie Ranch, in Moose, Wyoming. I volunteered for the National Forest Service in 2018 as well. I was raised in Montpelier, Vermont where my backyard was Hubbard Park. I was fortunate to work at Morse Farm with Harry, Dot, Burr, and Betsy. I learned a lot about farming and the sugarbush along with trees/forests from them. Dot's dad would come up and we would have great conversations about soil, farming, plants, water, and the woods. It was my university. I did get a BS degree over a ten year period as I worked to put myself through college.

I strongly disagree with the National Forest Service proposal to log Telephone Gap in Green Mountain National Forest. From my point of view, the idea of logging a mature forest doesn't make sense, ecologically as well as financially.

Thank you for your time.

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