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Comments: I am a resident of Burlington who is concerned about the ongoing climate crisis and loss of biodiversity. Please reject this sale. It violates President Biden's Executive Order calling for protection of old growth forests. It will substantially diminish the forest's ability to sequester carbon as older trees store far more carbon than the younger trees that will replace them. Further, it appears that the majority of the harvest will go to pulp which supplies the shameful practice of burning wood to generate electricity at the McNeil Power station and elsewhere, which immediately puts carbon which had been stored into the air. The project will also impair water quality in Otter Creek and the White River and destroy a magnificent roadless area. Further, the project is not needed to improve wildlife habitat. Removal of biomass (including trees that will fall and decompose on the forest floor) impairs biodiversity. Please reject this project. Thank you.