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Comments: I am writing to indicate my opposition to the cutting of any trees in the Telephone Gap forest in Vermont. It is hard for me to believe that cutting a forest of this age and health is being considered given the fact that recent science makes clear that older trees sequester carbon incredibly effectively. Why cut them when climate change is becoming clearer and clearer every day? I treasure the forests and hike extensively within many and losing them to logging is deeply upsetting to me personally, but it is the devastating impact cutting this forest will have on our efforts to mitigate climate change that is foremost in my thinking as I write this comment. Please Do Not cut this forest. President Biden has promised to work to mitigate climate change and his infrastructure bill has moved the nation forward with respect to climate concerns, but cutting a forest now is a terrible step backwards. To me it is in direct contradiction to what President Biden promised when I voted for him. This cutting simply should not be done.