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Comments: I urge the Forest Service to reconsider plans to log 11,800 acres at Telephone Gap near Brandon, Vermont. As part of a Forest Plan from 2006 this project is based on outdated science and policies. We now understand how important old growth forests are in the sequestration of carbon. Please let the trees in Telephone Gap grow and contribute to mitigation of climate change. As the US urges countries in South America to restrict logging in the Amazon, we need to review and rewrite our own forest use policies to reflect new understanding of the role of old growth forests.