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Comments: I am writing at the request of family members in Vermont who have shared with me their concern about the proposed logging plan. Given the well-recognized role that old forests play in sequestering carbon, it seems extraordinary that the Forest Service is considering approving a proposal to log almost 12,000 acres of mostly mature and old forest. It seems that this project creates an opportunity for the GMNF staff to work with community groups like Save Public Forests to develop a "climate smart" approach that could become a national model.

At the very least, the project must be stopped until it can demonstrate compliance with President Biden's 2022 Executive Order to protect mature and old forests.

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