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Comments: I am opposed to logging old-growth forest anywhere, including the Green Mountain National Forest. New research shows that, contrary to previous beliefs, mature and old-growth forests sequester and store much more carbon than young forests. Mature and old-growth forest are an essential and rapidly shrinking habitat for many other plants and animals that cannot live elsewhere. As climate changes, mature and old-growth forests will be refuges and corridors for plants and animals that have to find new places to live. Destroying long-term assets of our climate and ecosystem for short-lived income is a terrible investment!

> Sincerely yours, Evan Lawrence