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Comments: I firmly oppose the Telephone Gap project and think the effect it will have on the Green Mountain National Forest and Vermont ecosystems will be drastically negative. The 12,000 acres that are proposed in the current plan are over 90% mature, meaning they play incredibly important in carbon sequestration. Not only is the current plan going to increase atmospheric carbon, making direct contributions to global warming, it's going to negatively impact Vermont ecosystems and native species in the state. Following the Telephone Gap project, will it be safe to say the extinction of the Northern Long Eared Bat is because of a lack of habitat? What about Brook Trout populations? I think it would be fair to say that a lack of clean and fresh mountain water would directly impact the sustainability of Brook Trout populations. Will it still be worth it to stock farm raised trout if we're destroying their habitat? Hopefully we won't need to answer these questions, as the Telephone Gap Project will not be completed.