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Comments: As a resident of Vermont and citizens of the United States, I strongly oppose the Telepgone Gap Project. The clear cutting of thousands of acres of old-growth forest is deeply unjustified. We need to protect our old growth forests in the face of climate catastrophe, they are the keys to carbon sequestration in temperate climates. These forests are home to countless species of biodiversity and form their natural habitat which is vital for their survival. Clearcutting would destroy the remaining habitat they have left, leaving the landscape fragmented. Moreover the impacts of the hydrological cycle or the region will be vast and the downstream water bodies will be devastated. I cannot believe the Forest Service is advocating for this kind of project when you should be the ones protecting it. Vermont is known for being a forested state that cares for the conservation of its biological heritage. We must preserve this - you cannot allow this project forward!