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Comments: My number one concern about the proposed Telephone Gap plan is that it includes cutting some of Vermont's oldest trees. Older trees sequester substantially more carbon. We are now in a climate crisis. Vermont, the country, the world MUST make decisions to allow forests to help us fight climate crisis by sequestering carbon which means we should substantially change this plan to allow our forests to do that.

My second concern is I am opposed to the special use permit in the Recreation section (Section 3.7 Special Uses) of the TGIRP that allows the Vermont Hut Association to build 35-40 huts on public land. The one they propose for South Pond is the same size as the Grout Pond hut which is huge.

I disagree with an organization being able to build and maintain huge buildings in our National Forest costing more than the average home costs in Addison County and being able to make enormous profits (up to \$1 million a year with all the proposed huts.) In addition their promotion states the huts are available to all yet their reservation system gives preference to paying members. To me, this creates an elitist system when our National Forests were intended to be available to all. We do not need these luxury huts.