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Comments: The largest 1% of trees store 30% of all above ground forest carbon in the U.S. Public forests in New England store, on average, 30% more carbon than private forests. We should not be spending our tax dollars to subsidize cutting old trees on public lands.

UVM research shows that New England forests could store 2 to 4 times more carbon if we just let them grow old.

Private forests are the source of 96% of the timber supply in Vermont, so protecting public forests would have minimal impact on the wood products economy.