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Comments: I am writing to oppose the U.S. Forest Service's proposal for the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project in the Green Mountain National Forest. My understanding is that concentrated areas within the 11,800 acres in question have mature trees that are between 80-160 years old. Cutting down these old trees is inconsistent with best practice in fighting climate change. Science has shown that older trees accumulate and store more carbon than younger trees. In addition, acres of essential habitat that is needed so badly by threatened and endangered species may be destroyed. Water quality may be impacted.

The land identified in the Telephone Gap Project should be managed with the consideration of the lives of our children and their children's children in mind. Actions taken today will impact tomorrow. It's hard now, to think of how long it would take to replace a forest containing such majestic trees. 160 years! We need to slow down and really think about the implications of our actions before it's too late!