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Comments: As a resident of Vermont for twenty years and a concerned parent of two, I wish to voice my strong opposition to the planned Telephone Gap logging project (Project #60192). I have followed this operational planning through NFS web documents, the information session presented by GMNF on Feb 21, 2023, and various papers and public presentations. I hold a masters degree in fisheries and wildlife, and am well versed on the topics of forest management goals and consequences. This proposed project goes against everything we now know about the role forests play in sequestration of carbon and atmospheric carbon capture. As a forest grows older, it increases its rate of capture by trees up to 80 years old, then levels off at maximum capture for another century or more. Cutting the forest for "successional habitat" takes 100 years to catch up with what is lost.