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Comments: Please reconsider the proposed actions in the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project to place more emphasis on maintaining the forests in Telephone Gap as a reserve, not to produce timber. Telephone Gap is one of Vermont's few remaining older growth forests. It is a valuable gem that needs to be protected and not harvested. Please consider designating at least the older growth portions and relatively intact natural communities within it as climate reserves or natural areas.