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Comments: I strongly urge the Forest Service to reconsider plans for harvesting hardwoods from the Green Mountain National Forest as planned for the Telephone Gap. The mature yet still relatively young and growing hardwoods in the forest sequester a great deal of carbon, and add to their sequestering potential every year. Their contribution to Vermont's (and the world's) efforts to combat climate change and provide crucial habitat for other species are more valuable than any other plans to use harvests from the forest could be.

Please reconsider the Telephone Gap project to make it a become a "climate forest reserve" to protect a rare Vermont landscape and provide real climate mitigation as a natural forest.

Thank you for your consideration

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