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I have a MS degree in forestry. I teach about the history of VT forests. Vermont's historic condition was 95% forested pre-European settlement. Comparing current forest condition to the height of deforestation in the mid 1800s is very disingenuous and purposely confusing.

Vermont's forests have an amazing capacity for regeneration however we need to give them the time and scale in order to do this. Our management timeframe is too short term.

Project #60192 has 11,800 acres proposed for logging, 92% of those acres are classified as mature or old. These forests must remain standing. We need more mature forests not fewer.

Leave these trees growing! Withdraw the Telephone gap project.