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Comments: Dear Mr. Mattrick,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Telephone Gap Integrated Resource project. Scientists now inform us that we have less than 7 years to radically change our ways to avoid irreversible negative effects of Global Warming and the consequent Climate Catastrophe. There is a growing national push to keep forests on public lands protected as a strategic carbon reserve that is allowed to grow old and sequester carbon indefinitely and let private lands cover timber needs.

The 2006 Green Mountain Forest Plan does not provide guidance regarding how the Forest should be managed to preserve biodiversity and diminish the impacts of climate change. It is important that a modification to the 2006 Forest Plan be prepared that addresses these issues, and that this modification is thoroughly evaluated through an environmental impact report process.

In conclusion, the TGIRP is in direct conflict with the FS's mission: "Caring for the Land and Serving People" and should not be implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project within the Green Mountain National Forest.

Respectfully,

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