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Comments: In today's age of global ecological collapse, the sixth great mass extinction, and the ever worsening climate crisis, the idea of taxpayer subsidized logging projects on public lands, or any lands, is patently absurd and reprehensible.

Vermont, in particular, knows well the impacts of the ravages of logging in the loss of the moose, and many other endemic animals and plants, when the state was deforested by 80% in the 1800s.

Now, with the state's forests returning to a mature state, the moose and other wildlife have returned.

Songbirds, however, continue to be at risk from new clearcuts and habitat loss.

The only responsible path forward for public lands is to ban all logging.