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Comments: Please include my comments in the public record on the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project # 60192.

I am a licensed Forester in the State of Vermont. I have over 45 years of experience managing both private and public lands in Vermont. For the record I have no pecuniary interest the extraction of timber from public lands.

I have reviewed the project details and I was involved in the public comment process on the Forest Plan for the Green Mountain National Forest. As a natural resource professional I fully support the planned action. I find that the proposal is sound scientifically and fully consistent with the current approved Green Mountain National Forest Plan.

The public forests of our country belong to all of us. They serve many needs of society and the natural environment. The proposed project is very important to both the people of our country and for the long term ecological health of our forests.

I am aware of and have read the many comments by critics of the proposal and those in opposition to the project. much of the information presented by organizations and some individuals is both scientifically inaccurate and presented using hyperbole and rhetoric. The proposed project should not be delayed or changed because of the political opinions of a few well funded "environmental" organizations or there unfortunately misinformed followers. In my professional opinion this project and the process are clearly in compliance with the forest plan and NEPA. To not move forward or to change the project in any significant way would be a violation of both the plan and intent of the NEPA process.

I applaud and support the science based approch to forest management put forward by the dedicated and ethical interdisciplinary resource team. This project is much needed and will provide benefits to the public and the land resource for many decades to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and thank you for your service to our country.