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Comments: As the owner of a conserved forest in Dorset (800+ acres) and as the co-author of a forthcoming book on Miyawaki forests, I am distressed by your plan to cut timber in an old growth forest in northern Vermont. This is an irresponsible and dangerous proposal for our warming climate. Since big old trees sequester massive amounts of carbon, it makes little sense to cut them down and replant them with small trees, which won't hold much carbon for many years. Our climate is at a dangerous tipping point, with climate disasters taking place around the country and the wider world. Vermont is not immune; our ski areas are struggling with the lack of snow, flash floods and sudden wind events are common in our area, and mean temperatures are rising every year. I hope you will reconsider and give up on this dangerous plan.

Sincerely,

Liza Ketchum, Dorset