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Comments: I am against the Telephone Gap logging proposal. Healthy, mature forests are most certainly what Vermont is all about. Many people move to & amp; visit Vermont for the preserved, healthy, natural beauty of our forests. I am one of them. My neighbors are too. Folks also have second homes here for the same reason. These forests surrounding the Chittenden Reservoir are a habitat for so much wildlife including birds, bears, bobcat, fish, beaver, porcupines, deer, moose, bats, and so many more. Healthy forests keep the streams, reservoirs, rivers, & amp; ponds clean which keeps our beloved Lake Champlain clean as well as countless drinking water wells & amp; springs. Healthy forests create the biodiversity we need to to survive as humans and the wildlife we support for tourism, our largest industry. Healthy, mature forests are imperative to help cool our earth during climate change. Logging the Green Mountain National Forest would strip away what Vermont is all about, its character & amp; persona. This means our wildlife habitat & amp; migration patterns, our tourist industry, our maple syrup industry, real estate, hunting, and health of all living things in Vermont would suffer and perhaps some would disappear. We need to preserve this precious national forest land. Do not log it. It is not worth the destruction to our state and all downstream. Do not log Telephone Gap.