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Comments: . I would like to ad my voice to those who protest this attack on our forest with its many ramifications spent many happy hours riding horses in the Vermont National Forest. Occasionally, I would come across areas that had been logged. What a mess! Most of the big trees were gone, the ground was swampy(if you could pass through it), all the brush had been left to decay-ostensibly to provide habitat for wildlife. That land was ugly and impassible and would remain so for many years. I would like to ad that such practices, if they still pertain, would ad a wealth of fuel should we experience such droughts and fires as are currently occurring in the West. Given the current weather patterns, this seems more than likely. Additionally, the forests protect our clean water sources and help to clean the air, provide habitat for wildlife and slow climate change. The impact of our actions today will resonate for many years to come. Thank you.