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Comments: Continuing on a familiar course of action in the face of a dire crisis is known as "The March of Folly." In the face of the Climate Crisis, the US Forest Service must not log 11,000 acres of the Green Mountain National Forest. Scientific studies have demonstrated that mature forests store and sequester much more carbon than young, growing forests. Not only does their huge biomass remove more carbon from the atmosphere, but the soils of mature forests store huge quantities of carbon. Logging operations release carbon, tear up soils, leave 50% of forest biomass to rot and release carbon--all to build houses and furniture that will never outlive the 200-year-old trees thus destroyed.

A different course must be found. If lumber is not provided, price increases will reduce its use. The March of Folly has sunk individuals, armies, nations and empires. Now it threatens to sink innumerable species along with the human race.