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Comments: I hunt and hike in the northern Green Mountain National forest. The lack of new growth that comes from logging detracts from both experiences. As I'm sure you know, there just aren't that many critters in an old forest. I'm amazed at how few tracks I see when winter hiking in the GMNF. The forest then seems sterile then.

When I hike in Vermont State Wildlife Management areas in the winter, there're far more tracks and critters present than what I see in the GMNF. The reason is that the state of Vermont manages forests in WMAs for wildlife. Stop logging in the GRMF, and what we'll have here will be as barren as the Adirondack Park with the limited wildlife that can subsist in an old forest.

I do wish the GMNF could communicate to the public that if all we don't allow forests to burn from natural causes or allow logging, we'll have nothing but old forests and that severely limits what kinds of wildlife will live in them.