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Comments: Hi I've grew up in VT and have experienced first hand how incredible the VT mature forests are, even though there is little left. There is so little left and they should be in tact for the benefit of the people in VT and the people who come to visit and spend bringing the tourism economy and jobs. In addition these forest are vital carbon sinks that can help keep us avert climate catastrophe while protecting Vermont's maple sugaring and skiing economy.

It is reckless and out of touch and unprincipled to log the telephone gap as is being proposed. The land should only be logged in a way that keeps the forest in tact and preserves all soil carbon. 92% of the areas proposed for logging in the Telephone Gap timber sale are classified as mature or old by the Green Mountain National Forest, violating President Biden's historic Executive Order from Earth Day 2022, which directed the US Forest Service to protect these forests for the benefit of the climate and biodiversity. Mature forest are essential to meeting Biden's climate commitments.