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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I grew up in Vermont, and as a teenager I had the privilege to participate in a six month wilderness semester program during which we skied the length of Vermont, and then paddled back home in the spring. During that formative time I gained an even deeper love and attachment to the land that I call home. I came to love the forests and ecosystems I encountered in a way that helped shape the rest of my life, and became foundational to who I am and what I value. I am now a mom, and experiencing the joy of watching my own preschooler and toddler develop their relationship to the land where we live. They love spending time in the woods, and already have special trees and places that they are drawn back to. I am writing today because I am terrified for my children's future due to threat of the climate crisis. I want them to be able to grow up and have the same experiences that I did, of learning to love this land in even deeper and more profound ways. I strongly oppose the logging plans for Telephone Gap for numerous reasons including the threat it poses to biodiversity, the headwaters of Otter creek, and worsening of the climate crisis by cutting mature forests. This logging plan also violates President Biden's Executive Order on Earth Day 2022 that protects these mature forests for the benefit of climate and biodiversity. Please consider my kids, all the kids, who will inherit this legacy. Please make the right decision.

Sincerely, Hannah Morgan