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Comments: I object to the logging of an old growth forest in Vermont.

Vermont has very few old growth forests left and once cut we can't get them back. Old Growth forests are not a renewable resource. The superior biologic carbon sequestration, fish and wildlife habitat, soil conservation, flood control, and bio diversity compel us to keep our mature forests.

Young forests are a renewable resource A young forest can be improved with proper wood lot management.

Thinning, clear cutting and logging road building can be done with the benefit of improving forest health, habitat, watershed, provide wood products and recreation.

It takes a long time for a forest to create the biodiversity necessary for many of Vermont's native species to flourish. Several of them will only live in an old growth forest.

We must keep bio-diversity alive in Vermont, removing old growth reduces the variety of plants and animals living amongst us.