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Comments: I understand that the Green Mountain National Forest is seeking comment on a plan to log 12,000 acres of forest in Central Vermont. The project area, known as Telephone Gap, is almost all mature or old forest. Since mature and old trees sequester and store far more carbon than young trees, it is imperative to preserve Telephone Gap as a forest climate reserve. If we are to drastically reduce carbon emissions in the next thirty years our mature and old forests must be protected and preserved. The value of Vermont's mature forests in climate mitigation far outweighs the value of the potential timber harvest. Please stop the proposed Telephone Gap logging project.

Thank you, Jill Wilcox Sharon, Vt