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I am submitting my comment in opposition to the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project Proposal. It's unbelievable that this project is on the table given the context of today's immense problems in regards to climate change and loss of biodiversity worldwide. This maturing forest is a boon to our state of Vermont and I join the voices of those Vermonters that want to keep these wild places in tact as they are. We have to listen to the science and protect old forests that are sequestering so much of our problematic carbon footprint from the atmosphere. This forest and those like it are essential to keep protected if we want a chance at a future for our kids and grandchildren. Please leave Telephone Gap wilderness alone and consider ecologically sensitive and climate friendly approaches of harvesting timber products. I encourage the US Forest Service to stop this project until it can demonstrate compliance with President Biden's 2022 Executive Order to protect mature and old forests. Thank you.