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Comments: A letter to The Green Mountain National Forest Service,

Vermont is a very special place to me. I've meet some of my best friends here and I feel as if this state has certainly helped shape me into who I am today. I'm forever grateful for that. It's a unique place, and the largest contributor to its individuality I'd say is the very environment that we choose to call home. The Telephone Gap Project completely undermines the most important resource the great State of Vermont has to offer, our vastly untouched wilderness. What scares me the most about the Green Mountain National Forest's decision to go through with this disastrous plan is the scarcity of respect for our natural resources. Furthermore, this decision without a doubt will cause irreversible consequences to our forests such as a higher likelihood of disease and insects infecting the newly planted forestry due to the simplification of the forest's species. This project is not for the betterment of our environment nor our people. Money itself is expendable but our natural resources that shape the way we live are not.

The Green Mountain National Forest was created to uphold the epistemic responsibility of protecting the natural resources of Vermont for it plays a much important role in how our environment combats climate change. This decision to remove 12,000 acres of old growth forest further contributes to the effect of climate change that we are already starting to see with the obvious change in weather pattern throughout the past 10 years. I believe this decision is a slippery slope. If we allow 12,000 acres of extremely resourceful land to be removed now, then when will it happen again? A year or maybe two. It's not just about us anymore. It's about how we can survive on this planet without poisoning ourselves and all the other organisms around us. This just further contributes to our self-destruction.