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Comments: Attached, please find the names of 18,401 concerned members of the public who signed the following petition for the Telephone Gap public comment period.

"We, the undersigned, strongly oppose the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project. The project, which proposes logging more than 10,000 acres of old-growth forest, would do irreparable harm to Green Mountain National Forest and the wildlife that live there.

Green Mountain National Forest's old-growth forest is critical to mitigating the worst impacts of climate change. The trees that make up our forests store carbon and prevent it from being released into the atmosphere. When those trees are logged, that carbon is released, fueling global warming.

Already, logging accounts for half of all tree deaths in New England. The USFS should protect those that still stand."

Thank you for your consideration of these views as you weigh this project going forward.