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Comments: I oppose the logging of the Green Mountain National Forest for three reasons:

1) On the critical timescale of the next 50 years, it has been shown that more mature forests sequester more carbon than young recently harvested stands. Carbon sequestration by public forests is an important tool in controlling climate change that has not been adequately considered in the outdated plan on which this project is based. 2) Preserving public forests and letting them mature will help to improve biodiversity, which is increasingly under threat by human development. 3) The disruption caused by clear cutting and installing or reusing logging roads has long-term negative impacts on water quality that threaten Vermont's streams and lakes, particularly as more frequent and more intense rainstorms batter Vermont.