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Comments: I,m writing the US Forest Service in very strong and deep opposition to the Telephone Gap "harvesting " of old growth trees. This is such a mis-guided, short visioned idea - I can't believe it's even being proposed ,especially in this state and these days of heightened climate change. Vt. desperately needs the ecosystem the trees provide and there is no way to simply replace 100-160 yr. old trees in terms of carbon sequestration and storage. We should be massively grateful that we have these stalwart trees and should be doing everything possible to protect and preserve them - not cut the down. Down sizing the project doesn't cut it either. Please turn your time, resources and energy to something that really makes sense and makes us proud of the Forest Service - not this.....