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Comments: Please leave our local forests intact and left to become old growth forests. So much scientific research points to the benefits of simply leaving our forests alone. Their natural ability to contribute to clean air, water and soil is unmatched by any manufactured artificial efforts by human technology. Most important the forest scape is home, protection and life to numerous species, insects and microorganisms, all essential to life on our planet home. In this sense protecting our forests of Vermont and New England as a whole is critical to slowing down biodiversity loss, the consequence of climate chaos and development of natural habitats.

The emergency is NOW. How we respond is CRITICAL. We cannot afford to continue with business as usual. Life over profits! We the people need our state agencies and officials to heed the warnings, heed the call to act in accordance with today's science. Stop the destruction of our state, local and federal forests