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Comments: I oppose the various proposals regarding Telephone Gap for the following reasons which should be apparent to everyone involved in this poorly conceived plan.

Old trees may not maximize saw timber production, but they are excellent at climate resilience. The Telephone Gap harvest plan does not take into account the carbon stored in the trees to be harvested, 40% to 60% of which quickly goes into the atmosphere because it is processed into paper or biomass to be burned, nor the additional carbon the mature forest would sequester if not harvested, nor the fossil fuels used to harvest and process the wood.

It is very far from a climate-neutral action, or even a balance of competing values.

This project irretrievably changes a naturally regenerated forest gem into something similar to an industrial forest. If this is not what you expect of Green Mountain National Forest management on public land, please advocate for the Telephone Gap Project to become a "climate forest reserve" to protect a rare Vermont landscape and provide real climate mitigation as a natural forest.