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Comments: I am writing to OPPOSE the plan to log the Telephone Gap, and to advocate for Alternative A. Leave the old growth forest and the habitat for all the living beings there. To squander this valuable resource and climate-protecting area for a short-term gain in logging is insane, given (a) the ongoing climate crisis, (b) Vermont's own 30 x 30 plan for conserving (protecting) natural areas.

As I understand, the current plan to log it dates back to before President Biden's 2022 executive order directing the US Forest Service to protect mature and old growth forests to mitigate climate change, and before the UN Biodiversity agreement that Vermont has picked up to work with. To proceed with such a destructive, massive and high visibility forest destruction project would make a mockery of all that so many people, laws and organizations are trying desperately to do - to protect our future.