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Comments: I strongly support Alternative A and ensuring that the Telephone Gap Area of GMNF is not logged. Now more than ever, we need to bolster carbon storage and sequestration to mitigate the effects of anthropogenic global warming. The best natural solution we have against climate change is preserving forests. Forests that are completely undisturbed by human activity have been scientifically proven to be the most effective at carbon sequestration and storage. Our forests also support an incredibly valuable and biodiverse ecosystem and provide a place for all to recreate. Logging projects are detrimental to ecosystems and release massive amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, accelerating the climate crisis. Vermont cannot maintain its claim to progressive sustainability as long as it continues to aggressively log its forests.