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Comments: I am strongly opposed to the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project #60192, which, after minor revisions, proposes to log nearly 12,000 acres of old growth and mature forests in Vermont. This project flies in the face of a.) Green Mountain National Forest's own assessment that these forests are a rare and irreplaceable resource; and b) President Biden's Executive Order 14072, signed in 2022, directing the US Forest Service to protect mature and old growth forests to mitigate climate change. Contrary to the outdated science you may be following, these forests are the largest carbon sink, and the most significant habitat for plant and wildlife, that we have in the Northeast. That is why it is imperative to preserve, rather than destroy, these 12,000 acres of prime forest.