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Comments: After living in Ripton Vermont for 35 years where 80% of the land is National Forest, and spending most of my free time skiing, hiking, biking, and running on the forest roads, trails, and orientating in the woods....I know how very important this habitat is to my mind, body, and soul. Having worked in Middlebury for years I was very aware of the difference in air quality between the open Champlain Valley and the forested higher elevations. I realize that open land is very important to support agriculture to feed humanity, but whenever possible we should strive to preserve and expand our forests!