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Comments: As a resident of Pittsfield and steward of our environment, I must protest the ecologically irresponsible and short sighted Telephone Gap logging project. The logging of our old growth forests by past generations caused severe harm to the local environment as well as our global Earth climate systems. In this decisive moment for the future of life on our planet we must not repeat our past mistakes!

I was ashamed to learn that this project, in our own backyard, has been identified by Climate Forests as one of the worst in the country! Our old trees must be allowed to reach their full age to repair past damage to our ecosystem and protect our communities from the future effects of climate change. Without them the already disastrous effects of flooding on our communities will worsen beyond our abilities to mitigate.

Our local community, ecological experts, and Abenaki tribal members have all expressed their condemnation of this project. If the project continues this stream of opposition will become a flood.

There are sustainable methods for managing our forests and harvesting timber--this just ain't it!

Engaged member of your community, George