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Comments: The USFS has an obligation to effectively manage our national forests. Allowing over 11,000 acres of forest in Vermont to be subject logging in the Telephone Gap project will not meet that obligation. I believe that President Biden has a clear intention to protect our forests to allow for sequestration of carbon and to provide part of the solution to climate change in 30 x 30 and his mandate to define and inventory our national forests. Mature forests provide a solution when they are left standing. Wildlife and water depend on our forests to be "left standing." I urge the USFS to leave Telephone Gap unharvested. Let it be. Let it stand. Let it provide wildlife habitat. Let it allow filtration for water and air. Leave it standing.

Sincerely,

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