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Comments: The US Forest Service's plan to log 11,800 acres of mature and old growth Green Mountain National Forest is appalling and a crime against both nature and humanity that will serve to degrade biodiversity within the forest and will contribute to the extinction crisis as well as to climate change.

Publicly owned forests should be designated climate forests and honored as homes for a huge variety of animal and plant species. The more mature they are allowed to become, the better is the job that they can do to mitigate global warming and the better job they can do to provide wildlife with suitable habitat.

Nature should not be engineered for "best yields". "Best yields" translates to monetary profit. Profit for the Forest Service and profit for the timber industry. Denizens of the forest will not profit. The environment will not profit. The planet will not profit.

For the benefit of all species and earth's climate and to honor state and federal mandates, mature public forests should be left alone, not only to preserve their present value but also so that they can become old forests.

I urge the Forest Service to immediately halt this misguided, destructive logging plan.