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Comments: I strongly oppose logging on federal lands. Intact forests such as those in the Green Mountains in Vermont are important to maintain for a variety of reasons. They sequester carbon, provide undisturbed habitat for animals, promote biodiversity, ward against invasive species, and more. Logging practices degrade soil, destroy habitat, and are not necessary. While it has been the practice of the USFS to promote logging as a means to maintain a healthy forest, the current science has shown that this is not the case and that it is highly preferable to leave these forests without human intervention to enable the most healthy environments. Please reconsider your plans to log in these areas.