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Comments: Please protect Vermont's National Forest and preserve mature trees for carbon capture and wildlife habitat.

I recently watched a webinar about the Telephone Gap Project and was impressed with the hard work and research being done on alternatives to the proposed project of logging 12,000 acres.

I urge the Forest Service to choose Alternative A - Do Nothing. The GMNF should choose this alternative and put Telephone Gap on hold at least until early 2025 when the US Forest Service will do a nationwide Forest Plan amendment process. That will update agency stewardship of mature and old-growth forests, spurred by President Biden's Executive Order. The current GMNF Plan that Telephone Gap is based on was done in 2006 before much of the current best science on climate and forests had been done. My husband and I strongly support Alternative A.

If Alternative A is not chosen, Alternative D proposing to drop the 661 acres and reduce harvest intensity and the amount of road construction to lower the fossil-fuel impact of logging operations is the second-best option, in my opinion. Respectfully submitted,