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Comments: I am writing to urge you to completely stop the logging in the 12,000 acre mixed, old growth forests of Telephone Gap in Vermont as well as other old growth boreal and hardwood forest systems managed by the USFS. The science is clear that old growth boreal and hardwood trees and systems sequester carbon at far greater rates than managed boreal and hardwood forests of mixed age trees. They also afford equally important habitat and species diversity (perhaps not equally for economically significant species, but for overall species diversity).

We do not have the luxury to be prioritizing cottontail rabbits and hunted species when the planet is at stake. Harvesting old growth trees in 2024 is... well.... insane. Priorities must change.

US Forest Service should select ALTERNATIVE A (do nothing). Please forcefully protect swaths of mature forests in Vermont's Telephone Gap and elsewhere.