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Comments: Dear US Forestry Service,

I am writing to thank you and in support of your management alternatives for the Telephone GapIRP, here in Vermont. The alternatives that I particularly support are C and D. I am a farmer and actively manage acres of hay, wetlands and forests that are recovering from poor forestry practices of the past and are now managed by a professional forester. I am in awe of the benefits that trees bring all of us. My appreciation of all that older forests give has grown exponentially as I spend more and more time in my own forest, learning.

Many more, including yourselves, can speak knowledgeably about all the science behind your alternatives: C and D, especially, but I'd like to know that two generations from my time here on this planet, people can experience the same thrill of knowing that they are in an old growth forest in Vermont.

In the grand scheme of things removing 3800 acres from harvesting doesn't sound like a lot, but the joy and vision it brings may give hope to the next generations that our generation thought about saving this treasure for them. I hope your actions here in Vermont will inspire all of us to do more. My kids despair that our generation is all about money, tearing things down, using things up, and not addressing climate change. If you adopt either alternative C or D, I like them both, I can say to my kids that the forest service in Vermont is leading the way, and is focused on their future too.