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Comments: To the US Forest Service,

I am writing to demand that you cancel the logging project scheduled for the Telephone Gap Area in the Green Mountain National Forest. These lands belong to the people of the US and many of us would like to see the trees on this land left standing. Forests are the best resource for absorbing carbon and they already exist -- no building, no further investment needed -- so please don't cut them down.

That is, please select Option A, NO ACTION, in the proposed plan, which would allow the forests of the Telephone Gap landscape to continue to grow old for the benefit of biodiversity and the climate.

At the very least, you must produce a much more rigorous Environmental Impact Statement to determine the significance of its proposed management actions in the Telephone Gap landscape. An Environmental Assessment is not enough.

Alternatives C and D are a step in the right direction, but they don't go nearly far enough to honor the intent of President Biden's Executive Order on conserving mature and old-growth forests. Please protect ALL MATURE STANDS over the age of 80 in the Telephone Gap landscape and across the entire Green Mountain National Forest, which will have the added benefit of helping to protect important habitat for the endangered Northern Long-eared Bat.

Thank you for your service and for reading this letter.

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