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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project. I strongly encourage the US Forest Service not to allow harvesting of any trees in the Telephone Gap Project area as these mature and old-growth trees are urgently needed to sequester carbon, provide supportive wildlife habitat, and protect of the surrounding areas from damaging erosion caused by precipitation runoff. Whatever monetary or "resource exploitation" returns might result from cutting trees in the Telephone Gap area are insignificant compared to the benefits all Vermonters and all non-human life in the state and nation will gain from preserving all trees in that area. Vermont and the entire US are struggling to deal with a climate crisis caused by destructive exploitation of the natural environment and extreme, excessive consumption of fossil fuels. We all desperately need every tree in the Telephone Gap area and it would be extreme misuse and mismanagement of valuable public resources to cut any of them. The US Forest Service's role as managers and stewards of public health and welfare by protecting and ensuring the health of the nation's forests has assumed unprecedented importance. Carbon sequestration is of the highest importance, and the USFS must fulfill its responsibility to maximize sequestration of carbon while reducing consumption of fossil fuels. Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren are depending on this, and will judge us all severely if we fail them. So please, do not allow cutting of any trees in the Telephone Gap area.