

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/8/2024 6:27:00 PM

First name: Gretel

Last name: Dougherty

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Vermont's indigenous peoples hold unique insights and millennia old knowledge about protecting mother earth and other than human kin for whom we are moral and legal guardians, and the US supports UNDRIP as of Dec16 2010, and UNDRIP calls for informed prior consent by Indigenous peoples for projects impacting their wellbeing and cultural integrity. Vermont is the home of four state recognized nations of Abenaki Indigenous peoples whos full, informed, prior consent has not been provided concerning the impact of a huge 12,000 acre Telephone Gap Forest Logging Plan, and how it may impact cultural sites. Telephone Gap Forest Logging Plan also contravenes Vermont Community Resilience and Biodiversity Protection Act (2023) that announced intentions to increase protected landscapes and habitats to enhance biodiversity. I, on behalf of the Indigenous Communities of Vermont, request that the current review and comment process and deadline of April8th 2024 , be extended by 180 days so that the above issues can be addressed.