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Comments: I write to oppose the planned logging of the Old Growth Forest in the Green Mountain National Forest. The GMNF Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project proposes to log 800 acres of old-growth and more than ten-thousand additional acres of mature forests near the Chittenden Reservoir.

Old Growth forests are rare in the north east. Once gone there is no replacing the particularities of evolution's path into the present. I understand that given sufficient time and protection a new forest may attain 'old growth' status but that possibility is purely speculative.

Our ignorance and enormous hubris deceives our intention to act responsibly.

We have a scant resource within the Green Mountain National Forest.

Do not cut the old growth. Let it Be.