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Comments: Good morning All,

After almost 50 years of living as an adult with a BS degree in Forestry, it has become obvious to me that the US Forest Service was created to serve only commercial interests for the wood products industry in this country. Certainly not the public who own these forested mountains.....

The fact that your local offices have not publisized your security footage of the rare and endangered Canada Lynx in the Telephone Gap region seems irresponsible at the least and perhaps a violation of US conservations laws. But that is not for me to decide. Please do not say your logging process will create wild life habitat, because a mature public forest possesses a healthy upper story and a continuously evolving understory that shelters wildlife. The indigenous people of the Green Mountains managed this forest without destructive clearcutting. It is not too late to learn from them.