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Comments: Dear Mr. Sinclair:

I am writing to object to the Forest Service's destructive logging plan for Telephone Gap, Integrated Resource Project #60192. The basis for my objection is its impact on climate and on old growth forests.

I've hiked through Telephone Gap. It is one of the choicest, most remote parts of the Green Mountain National Forest. It is absurd for the Forest Service to claim that logging some 11,000 acres, mostly mature and old growth, will have no significant impact. How will logging will "improve the wildlife habitat" that now hosts Canada lynx, Northern Long-Eared Bat, and Brook Trout, all species at risk? Or "restore soils and wetlands?" The Forest Service can easily blaze new trails and "increase recreation opportunities" without cutting the forest.

By one estimate, this logging project will release a third of a million tons of CO2 equivalent, a significant impact on the climate. It will also destroy over a third of the remaining old growth forest in the National Forest.

Please cancel this boneheaded project.