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Comments: I am writing in opposition to the proposed plan that would log old-growth Forest at Telephone Gap. My objection is twofold. The first is my love of hiking in the Green Mountain National Forest. It is a treasure that is easily accessible from anyway in the state. I grew up here and am a 5 or 6 generational Vermonter. Being outside is as natural as breathing. When I hiked around the area in question last summer, I was struck with the beauty of the land. Recreation in Vermont is vital to our state. Leave the natural beauty.

The second objection is climate related. I fear the management objectives are not addressing the urgency of this time. These incredible Green Mountains are so much more than a commodity to be used. Its very vitality is essential for water management, erosion control, carbon sequestration and so much more. Why isn't our planetary crisis not being considered? Leaving these beautiful woods intact is one of the simpler contributions to help with what is to come. Do you know that if all the CO2 emissions were to stop today, that Vermont will still end up with a climate similar to what is now West Virginia within just a few decades?

I ask you with a most serious hope, that you reconsider your approach to our Green Mountains and offer that they may be a part of a bigger solution to manage climate related events. We really need to be acting now, today. We need to be changing course now, today. We need to re-envision how we regard this precious Green Mountain National Forest as a recreation haven and as a regulator of air, water, soil now, today.

Respectfully submitted,

Urgently submitted,

Lily Snow