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Comments: I would like to express my respectful and sincere objections to the proposal for logging in our beloved Telephone Gap region. I am an avid hiker and have previously lived in the Otter Creek watershed. The health of our wild areas in Vermont is both one of the things that I hold most dear about our "brave little state" and something that I know to be vital for the ecosystem. An old growth forest provides a unique habitat for any and all of the living creatures that both abide within and/or pass through it and these creatures do not have a voice without us to speak up for them! The costs of this project proposal far outweigh the benefits and I urge you to take action to put a halt to this proposal!

Thank you very much for your time and your service to Vermont.