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Comments: Dear Forest Service, I submitted comments on this project last year and am disappointed that this project is still being considered for implementation. I love this part of the Green Mountain Forest and want the mature trees to be able grow into old growth forest. There is plenty of early successional land within Vermont. There is no need to add to that amount by removing trees in the Telephone Gap area.

I am also concerned about the following:

- 1) There are endangered species that live in the forest including the Canada Lynx. One such animal was seen walking by the GMNF headquarters in Mendon. The Forest Service must go back and analyze potential impacts to lynx.
 - 2) The Telephone Gap logging project would cut 817 acres of old growth forest out of only 2,000 acres of old growth forest in the entire Green Mountain National Forest.
 - 3) The Telephone Gap project would release 254,556 tons of CO₂. Activities in our National Forests should not be contributing to destroying our planet.
 - 4) Logging is supposed to be prohibited in the Pittenden Roadless area. Follow the law.
- Thank you for the opportunity to comment.