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Comments: Dear Foresters,

I urge you to end the Telephone Gap Project. Beside destroying trees, it will be a threat to the environment, causing soil erosion, loss of carbon storage and sequestration, water pollution, and disruption of plant and mycorrhizal relationships. The plan includes the use of pesticides, which will disrupt the mycorrhizal fungi that aids trees to take up nutrients, ward off insect attacks, and communicate with each other. Cutting old growth forest, which is doing just fine on its own, is most destructive. Your interference with these ancient trees will result in additional degradation of natural resources that our planet is losing at breakneck speed.

Apparently, New York State National Forest in the Adirondacks is no longer being logged. Why isn't the National Forest Service taking the same path in Vermont?

This project is business as usual. Instead, we should be altering established practices in consideration of climate change. Please leave this forest acreage unscathed to help us face that challenge.