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Comments: I am appalled that the US Forest Service is still considering to log Telephone Gap. I am well aware that only a portion of this area consists of older growth, but given the scarcity of old growth across New England (0.3% remains, at most) any loss of mature trees is a significant loss and the only way to maintain such natural treasures is to let it be. If allowed to proceed, the plans to log highlight the greed and hubris that goes into demolishing over a century of restoration. Pretending to justify this exploitation under the guise of "management" hardly conceals the unmistakable mark of human folly and avaricious. Instead of demonstrating the conservation of true land stewardship, the repetitive attempts to pursue this project by the Forest Service despite the ADAMANT OPPOSITION TO IT BY THE MAJORITY OF VERMONTERS reveals the department to be a myopic, scheming echo chamber unworthy of public support or trust. We do not want yet another avenue to exploit our state for capitalist gain. We need advocates to protect that which we cannot replace. At the end of the day, the state of Vermont hardly warrants the monicker of "Green Mountain State" when we allow our trees to be valued more for their inanimate monitory green than their inherent, God granted worth of pure chlorophyll.