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Comments: I request that you oppose the decision on the "Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project #60192" Please tell the Green Mountain Forest managers that the logging of approximately 10,000 acres, much of it old-growth forests, is NOT in the best long-range interest of forest ecosystems or human communities.

> Old growth forests sequester more CO₂ than young forests, and so are more valuable standing than cut as we struggle to prevent the escalation of global warming.

> Forests protect water quality by preventing erosion and even mudslides, and help to temper local climates.

> Herbicides are not necessary and are ill-advised, as they introduce toxins dangerous to wildlife and likely to contaminate mountain streams.

> The potential use of PFAS-contaminated pesticides is too dangerous to allow any herbicides in the forested areas. PFAS are likely to be part of the herbicide formula and used as drift retardants or surfactants with the herbicides. The increasing use of fluorinated pesticides is a danger to human and ecological health for years to come. They are persistent, mobile in the environment, bio-accumulative in living organisms, act as endocrine disruptors, and degrade the immune system.

> The more human disruption in those forests, the more introduction of invasive plants there will be, providing more excuses for herbicide uses. We are all part of the web of life; it's time to respect that web of life.

> Please object to this project and call for its cancellation.