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Comments: I am writing today because I live close to Otter Creek and would like to say how strongly I disagree with the proposed Telephone Gap tree cutting. As a chair of the adhoc Middlebury Tree Committee, I know the value of trees, especially the shrinking old growth forests we have here in Vermont. These are precious habitats for wildlife as well as endangered species like the Canada Lynx. Our older trees contribute so much more to our environment - soaking up water, cleaning our air, stabilizing soil, capturing carbon. Plus, the enormity of the proposed tree removal of this scale will release a great deal of carbon into the air. The Green Mountains are what I see first thing in the morning and at the end of the day. There is a majestic beauty that needs preserving for our children, generations to come, and visitors from within and outside of the state that will benefit from seeing and experiencing this forested land. Please cancel this ill-conceived project. Thank you.