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Comments: I have visited and hiked much of the Long Trail and its wilderness areas and marveled at the beauty of its forests and mountains. But the value of these special places does not only reside in their beauty alone; it rests in the endangered species-Lynx, Brook Trout and others, and in the habitat that sustains them-the streams, land and mature and old growth trees. As I understand it this Telephone Gap project would remove irreplaceable old and mature growth and degrade and pollute much of the water and land on which endangered species and we depend.

I urge you to reconsider this project and not construct roads, remove trees that protect and ensure habitat integrity and purity of water, knowing that permitting this project will jeopardize critically endangered, threatened species and irrevocably harm, degrade and destroy land, trees and animals that can never be replaced. Thank you,

Joe Attamante