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Comments: I have served as college carillonneur of Middlebury College and Norwich University since 1985. In that time I have seen more and more logging trucks on our main roads every year. I have seen one area north of Brandon clear cut for no apparent reason... and debris has not been cleared up after several years and is now being burned in violation of ordinances. Further, I live in the Otter Creek watershed and have observed the beginnings of cave-ins due to clear-cutting upstream. Many deforestation projects on a larger scale have led to erosion (ask anyone living near Montpelier or Barre)... an immediate result, and of course hotter summers. Destruction of our forests is one of the causes of our steadily worsening climate change.

We all know this but in the name of making a few dollars we are expropriating the earnings of our grandchildren and leaving them nothing but empty scars.

Widely travelled friends from India tell me that Vermont is the most beautiful state they have seen in the USA. A generation from now they won't say so and tourists won't come here to see a mud hole. We must not destroy in a dismal iota of time what took hundreds of years to develop. Our children and grandchildren should be spared the horrors of Asheville, NC and Los Angeles.

Signed, George Matthew Jr. carillonneur of Middlebury College and Norwich University, parent, grandparent and great-grandparent