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Comments: As a mother and a soon-to-be mother again, living close to the Telephone Gap Forest, I feel an overwhelming responsibility to protect this land-not just for myself, but for my children and the generations that will come after them. I've written countless comments during previous public input periods, outlining all the reasons this forest must be preserved: its role as a critical carbon sink, its importance to biodiversity, its protection of water quality, and its sheer irreplaceable value as a mature, intact ecosystem. And yet, here I am again, forced to repeat the same common-sense arguments in the face of yet another plan that prioritizes destruction over preservation.

Frankly, I'm exhausted. Exhausted by the constant demand on my time and energy to defend what should be obvious: that forests like this are too valuable to lose. Logging the Telephone Gap Forest would not only exacerbate climate change but also devastate the wildlife that depends on this habitat and erode the health of our local communities. We are running out of time to make the right choices for our planet, and continuing to consider actions like this clear-cut feels like a step backward when we need to be moving forward.

This isn't just about trees; it's about our future. I shouldn't have to keep explaining why protecting this forest is the logical, ethical, and necessary choice. It's time for decision-makers to listen to the overwhelming public outcry, prioritize the health of our environment, and put an end to this senseless proposal. My children deserve better, and so does Vermont.