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Comments: The science behind Standing Tree's position and recommendation to the Forest Service re: the Telephone Gap controversy stands irrefutably as a positive step forward on the environmental front. Let's please allow Vermont to be a leader and primary exemplar of environmental conservation in this critical time in human history, in which we are facing a human-caused extinction scenario unless we take the necessary steps to preserve life in all its multi-faceted and interdependent diversity. An intact old growth forest is a very precious and increasingly rare resource on our environmentally-challenged planet. Please allow the Telephone Gap forest to stand as an example of a truly natural resource.