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Comments: I OBJECT TO LOGGING THE AREA OF THE TELEPHONE GAP IN VT. THERE ARE ENDANGERED SPECIES THERE- THE CANADA LYNX HAS BEEN SEEN IN THIS FOREST. THE FOREST SERVICE PREVIOUSLY DENIED THE PRESENCE OF THE LYNX AND THE GRAY WOLF.

THERE ARE ONLY 2000 ACRES OF OLD GROWTH TREES AND THE TELEPHONE GAP PROJECT PLANS TO CUT 817 ACRES OF OLD GROWTH, WHICH IS 40 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS CLEARLY HERE AND WE CAN'T. AFFORD TO KEEP CUTTING ALL THE TREES, ESPECIALLY THE OLD ONES THAT TAKE DECADES TO GROW AND SEQUESTER CARBON. WILDLIFE DEPENDS ON THESE TREES. BIRDS NEED AN INTACT FOREST TO SURVIVE AND TO RAISE THEIR FAMILIES. THE LOGGING ALSO RUINS THE FOREST FLOOR, RUNNING HUGE MACHINES IN THE AREA TO DO THE CUTTING. WATER RUNOFF INCREASES IN THE AREA, TAKING THE SURFACE SOIL WITH ITS ACCUMULATED LAYERS OF BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE SOIL. LEAVE THE TREES!!