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Comments: The proposal to open old-growth forest in the Green Mountain Forest Telephone gap to logging is truly shocking. This project, "The Telephone Integrated Resource Project," will only add more devastation to the already ruinous footprint of humanity on this planet. Instead of saving these trees and this untouched environment which would greatly contribute to helping mitigate the effects of climate change by absorbing significant amounts of carbon while maintaining a stable environment for both plant and animal wildlife, the proposed logging will only exacerbate soil disruption and erosion, invasive plant take-over, huge carbon release into the atmosphere, and the displacement of untold wildlife who make this their home.

There is no sensible rationale for turning this rare jewel of nature into one more human desecration. Old growth forest is already much too rare and thus extremely important for us to PROTECT, not mutilate with more human interference. Roads and logging have absolutely no place here.

We humans are the babies on the evolutionary scale --the least evolved, which our manipulating "cleverness" tends to overshadow. Yet, it is just this manipulative cleverness catering to our desire for convenience that is in process of not only forcing many other species into extinction but also on a path of destroying the planet for most any life including our own. Will we ever mature enough to even recognize our infantile behaviors, and that all other species of life on this earth, plants very much included, are our elders from whom we have so much to learn?

The old growth forest is an example of a natural environment that has so much to teach us, having evolved for eons with no human intervention. The beautiful trees and all other life that has been allowed to grow for some time now in the Telephone Gap without human manipulation does not need any humans to thrive. However, the integrity of environments like this old growth forest are critical for our own survival. Logging in any way whatsoever will take a wrecking ball to all the special values it will otherwise be giving us. Everyone I talk with about this agrees---WE NEED TO LEAVE THESE OLD GROWTH FORESTS ALONE FOR BOTH THEIR HEALTH AND OUR OWN. We plead with you to leave this area untouched Thank-you.