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Comments: As a native Vermonter of 50+ years who values the pristine beauty of our priceless forests I strongly oppose the proposed Telephone Gap project. Especially a region such as this harboring rare old growth forests as well as endangered Canadian lynx to name a few, should be protected and treated with respect rather than subject to the destructive force of constant chainsaw, skid steer and other adverse type of human encroachment.

I would further point out that "a sustained network of roads and trails" and "improved wildlife habitat" as stated in the Ranger report are contradictory in that a network of roads is a prime factor in wildlife destabilization.

Although a certain privileged form of "public benefit" may be derived from paving the way for pedestrian traffic into core wildlife habitat it will be at the grave expense of a greater public benefit which is the conservation of the limited large tracts of wild land that makes our state unique and irreplaceable.

Please stop the telephone Gap project . Thank you, Isaiah Kiley