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Comments: Hello, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Lost River Mountain logging project. As a resident who cares deeply about Vermont's forests and as a supporter of Standing Trees, I believe our mature and old-growth forests are among the most valuable assets our state holds - ecologically, economically, and culturally.

Mature forests sequester and store immense amounts of carbon, providing one of our most effective natural defenses against climate change. They also protect watersheds, maintain biodiversity, and offer resilient habitat for countless plant and animal species. Once logged, these benefits take generations to return, if they recover at all.

The Lost River Mountain area represents precisely the kind of forest that should be preserved, not harvested. In an era of accelerating climate instability and biodiversity loss, the priority must shift from resource extraction toward conservation and long-term stewardship. Logging these forests will fragment habitat, diminish carbon storage, and undercut Vermont's reputation as a leader in environmental protection.

I stand with Standing Trees and the many Vermonters who are calling for a moratorium on logging in mature and old-growth forests on public lands. We have a moral responsibility to pass on healthy, intact ecosystems to future generations, not depleted landscapes.

I respectfully urge you to withdraw the Lost River Mountain logging project and instead focus on permanent protections, ecological restoration, and investments in non-extractive uses such as recreation, research, and climate resilience.

Thank you for considering my comment and for your service in safeguarding Vermont's natural heritage.

Peter