



Letter Writing Campaign to: John Sinclair, Green Mountain National Forest Supervisor

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- Make the letter personal. Don't just copy and paste these points/ideas. Let Forest Supervisor John Sinclair know why you care and why you object to logging in the Green Mountain National Forest.
- Personal attacks or violent language will not help your – or our – cause. They distract from the substance of your letter and allow officials to ignore or marginalize our messages. We must maintain the moral high ground. Be honest, but also be respectful.
- Let him know why and how you enjoy the Green Mountain National Forest – the activity (wildlife watching, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, research, etc.) and where (which section(s) of the Green Mountain National Forest). Your letter will be more impactful if he knows you utilize the Green Mountain National Forest.
- If you are knowledgeable about native plants or wildlife, express your concerns about how the logging will impact native plants and wildlife. The more you can speak from personal knowledge or experience the better.
- Remind him that the Green Mountain National Forest (and all National Forests) was established to restore and protect water quality and guard against flood disasters. The best thing we can do for clean water and flood mitigation is allow forests to grow old.
- Let him know that you are aware of current science that shows that older & mature forests are healthier, react better to the impacts of climate change, and store and retain more carbon.
- Ask: If science tells us that our forests are worth more to Vermonters and all Americans by leaving them alone, why is the Green Mountain National Forest rapidly increasing logging for the benefit of the few?
- See the Standing Trees Fact Sheet for additional information and resources.
- Request that you get a written response and provide either your email or mailing address (whichever you prefer).
- Send copies of your letter to:
 - Your local newspaper
 - Senator Bernie Sanders – U.S. Senate, 332 Dirksen Building, Washington, DC 20510; His on-line contact: <https://www.sanders.senate.gov/contact/contact-form/>
 - Senator Patrick Leahy – U.S. Senate, 437 Russell Senate Building, Washington, DC 20510; His on-line contact: <https://www.leahy.senate.gov/contact>
 - Congressman Peter Welch – 2187 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; His on-line contact: <https://welch.house.gov/contact>
 - Jay Strand, Forest Planner and Environmental Coordinator, US Forest Service – Green Mountain National Forest, 99 Ranger Road, Rochester, VT 05767; His email address: jay.strand@usda.gov
 - Christopher Mattrick, District Ranger – Green Mountain National Forest, 99 Ranger Road, Rochester, VT 05767; His email address: christopher.mattrick@usda.gov
 - Martina Barnes, District Ranger – Green Mountain National Forest, 2538 Depot St, Manchester, VT 05255; Her email address: martina.barnes@usda.gov