

Earth Day

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Ahhhhh, that is the feeling you get when you have successfully climbed Mt. Mansfield.

The breeze is blowing gently as you look out at the frosted peaks gently melting away as you jump around on the massive boulders sticking out of the ground like forks. I love Vermont because there are so many peaks just waiting for you to conquer them. I love hiking and Vermont has all the mountains you can ask for.

But one problem for hikers like me is that there is a large increase in logging. Less woods means less places to hike and it is a major problem for the animals who have to keep relocating. The animals that have to leave because of logging and that can cause them to go into towns looking for food and they could get hurt. There are also asphalt roads going to the summits of mountains causing massive runoff feeding into rivers that can flood roads.

My hope for Vermont is that we control the amount of logging so that we don't end up making the animals come into the towns and to not build anymore roads to the summit. If we can make it so that the roads don't ruin the scenery and land we are good to go. So when I'm hiking I can finally always have a beautiful lookout.