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As we see precipitous decline of species, year after year of record-setting warming, global increases in drought, storms, heat-waves, and a looming clean water crisis, I'm appalled that the U.S. Forest Service would contract for the clear-cut of Telephone Gap. I'm a Vermonter born and raised, and all my life I've seen the continuous degradation of our beautiful state. Old-growth trees are a rare treasure. I implore decision-makers at the U.S. Forest Service to stop an action which flies directly in the face of President Biden's Earth Day 2022 order to protect forests to preserve biodiversity and resist climate disruption. Think of our grandchildren! These wild forests must be preserved.

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