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Comments: This project is another Forest Service assault on the public good for the benefit of science deniers and logging moguls. Get out of the carbon sale business and let the trees stand. Let their fallen brethren slowly feed the next generations of growing New England biomass. But for God's sake don't sell them to make a quick buck. Stop playing to the "managed forest" snake oil purveyors. Let Telephone Gap become an old-growth forest. The benefits are staggering compared to the quick sell embodied in this plan. Benefits of older growth forests include:

- 1. They are carbon storing superstars;
- 2. They help slow the effects of climate change;
- 3. Mature forests contain rich biodiversity;
- 4. Deep tree roots create a natural water purification system;
- 5. Older forests provide valuable wildlife habitats;
- 6. They are full of stunning beauty;
- 7. Ancient forests provide majestic spaces to enjoy and explore on foot and snowshoe.

Please reject this planned cut and start recognizing the real value of our New England forests. Let the trees stand and grow. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.