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Comments: The Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project #60192 should not go forward. Protecting forests, especially mature forests, is not only an essential climate solution but it is essential to protect wildlife habitat and water quality, reduce erosion, maintain the water cycle, and provide other ecosystem services that all people benefit from.

There is already a substantial amount of forested land designated for logging. We cut down a football field's worth of trees every second on this planet. We need to reverse this trend and protect the intact forests we currently have.

Please do not approve any further logging into new areas, especially those with well-established trees that support a huge number of species and hold a significantly larger amount of carbon than trees on plantations or in recently deforested areas.