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Comments: The National Environmental Policy Act's (NEPA) guidelines stipulate: "Given the urgency of the climate crisis and NEPA's important role in providing critical information to decision makers and the public, NEPA reviews should quantify proposed actions' GHG emissions, place GHG emissions in appropriate context and disclose relevant GHG emissions and relevant climate impacts, and identify alternatives and mitigation measures to avoid or reduce GHG emissions. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) encourages agencies to mitigate GHG emissions associated with their proposed actions to the greatest extent possible, consistent with national, science-based GHG reduction policies established to avoid the worst impacts of climate change."

I am concerned that the National Forest Service's plan to cut in Telephone Gap has not taken this policy into consideration.

Where in the scoping documents have you analyzed the carbon impact of doing nothing as compared to what you are proposing?