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Comments: The Telephone Gap area forest is very important as both a carbon storage bank and an unfragmented ecosystem. The large and unfragmented nature of Telephone Gap provides important connectivity for animal movement. Any cutting in the area will add edge habitat and endanger the animals that currently live there. Cutting will also release great quantities of carbon from the soil and reduce the amount of carbon being held in the forest. Cutting will allow invasive species to enter in the openings. Cutting will reduce the biodiversity in the forest by reducing the populations of lichens, moss, fungi, snails, etc. ( See the book "Nature's Temples" for the scientific references that support this claim.) We are in a biodiversity crisis and need to do all we can to support the decline in biodiversity. Finally, national forests only supply 5% of our domestic wood supply. We do not need the wood from this forest if we reuse and recycle. For all of these reasons I am against any cutting in the Telephone Gap.