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Comments: To whom it may concern,

It's imperative for the sustainability of our planet and the human race that we begin considering the long term impact our actions have. If we continue to take actions that destroy our natural areas without a clear plan to replace, increase, and improve these areas, what kind of environment are we leaving for our descendants? As a mother and outdoorsman, I implore you to cancel veto this plan and consider alternative options. Surely we can come up with a less destructive plan or continue moving forward with our current situation.

Mature and old-growth forests excel at removing and storing carbon from the atmosphere. And yet, 92% of the areas proposed for logging in the Telephone Gap timber sale are classified as mature or old by the Green Mountain National Forest, violating President Biden's historic Executive Order from Earth Day 2022, which directed the US Forest Service to protect these forests for the benefit of the climate and biodiversity. In December, the US Forest Service withdrew a timber sale in Oregon called "Flat Country" because it targeted mature forests of up to 150 years in age. Telephone Gap proposes logging forests up to 160 years in age. If Flat Country was important to withdraw, why is the Telephone Gap timber sale moving forward?

Please consider the devastating long term effects this will have for future generations of planet earth. We must strive to do better!

Thank you for considering my opinion.