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Comments: I am opposed to logging in the proposed Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project #60192. Among my many reasons for opposition are:

1)For the sake of beauty, understanding, and education. We sometimes take children to tax-payor and donor supported natural history museums to experience and understand present and past natural world environs. On some very basic level, we appreciate these things enough to create and maintain these museums. In Vermont, in your old forests, you have an irreplaceable living representation of what a long-term, undisturbed forest is, what life it supports, how it helps clean our air and protect us from some of the effects of your toxic habits. This is the alive natural history museum for present and future generations!

2)Because of climate change and other environmental issues . Citing from this article, "Global importance of large-diameter trees" obtained from the Forest Service website, (https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/treesearch/56639) "Clearly, areas that have been recently logged lack large-diameter trees, and therefore have less structural heterogeneity than older forests. That the largest individuals belong to relatively few common species in the temperate zone means that the loss of large-diameter trees could alter forest function - if species that can attain large diameters disappear, forests will feature greatly reduced structural heterogeneity (e.g., Needham et al., 2016), biomass, and carbon storage." Simply letting new growth occur after logging does not restore the environmental treasures that the living forest of old trees currently provide.

I am a US citizen currently living in the United Kingdom. The pressing issues of climate change are worldwide. It is important for the USA to show its commitment, not only to its own citizens but also to the world's, that we are serious about addressing the environmental factors that bring about climate change.