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Comments: I oppose the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project H60192. On Earth Day 2022 President Biden signed an executive order directing the U.S. Forest Service to protect mature and old forests because of their crucial role in sequestering carbon, rather than releasing it into the atmosphere. In less than 30 years the percentage of carbon in the atmosphere will reach levels that pose a significant threat to humans. We need those 30 years to wean ourselves from most uses to which we have traditionally put wood. Cutting old and mature forests now will mean that 80 or more years will pass before an equivalent amount of carbon will be sequestered from that area. President Biden's call to action should not be ignored. Cutting the forests that pose part of the solution to the problem of increasing atmospheric carbon is clearly the wrong way to go.