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Comments: Dear USFS,

Why are you using a management plan from seventeen 17 years ago to cut roads into and log Telephone Gap? This is folly. Serious serious folly. The 12000 acres of land intended for impact is a mature growth forest critical to forest and fauna health: Otter Creek and White River watershed; endangered species of bat; uninterrupted habitat crucial for soil and plant and animal biodiversity; carbon sequestration. At the minimum, another study should be performed to determine if the 2006 plan fits in with our nation's current commitment to protect mature forests in America. Update the study in light of bird decline, insect decline, warming/wonky weather, and take into account the future-the time required for forest regeneration, soil regeneration, not just the seven economic cycle of profits. We HAVE to take more of nature's measure of time to properly care for what sustains any good idea human plan-the earth. Do not log Telephone Gap. Thank you.