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Comments: The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires alternatives to a proposed project such as Telephone Gap to be analyzed as part of an Environmental Assessment (EA). This can either be a meaningless perfunctory exercise, or it can provide a serious new "climate-smart forestry" alternative. I and others propose that the GMNF consider working with community groups and proactively take the lead in developing a new proposal that takes seriously the spirit of President Bidens Executive order and charts a new paradigm for the US Forest Service. We suggest the essence of this would include designating a major amount of the project area as "carbon reserves," in which there is very little to no cutting or site disturbance, and the old stands are allowed to grow older and bigger. Managing younger forest stands could be done in a way to produce lumber or other forest products but that also increases the average volume of stored carbon per acre over time.