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Comments: I oppose the Telephone Gap logging proposal.

The climate and ecological crises demand that our mature forests remain wild and able to sequester as much carbon as possible. Now is the time to save the trees of Telephone Gap and give them the time to reach their maximum ecological potential. Logging in Telephone Gap would not only deplete our forests, but also have a devastating effect on the ecosystem. In addition to damaging animal habitats and disrupting migration patterns, logging could permanently alter the hydrology of the area. Furthermore, it has been shown that clearcutting can actually release more carbon dioxide than it sequesters, leading to further emissions and contributing to global warming.

I believe that preserving these natural areas is essential to protect our environment and combat climate change. By keeping these areas undisturbed, we are protecting a valuable resource which holds countless potential benefits for future generations, from clean air and water, to abundant biodiversity and recreational opportunities. The Forest Service should prioritize the preservation of forests over short-term economic gain and reverse its decision to cut down Telephone Gap. Thank you.