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Comments: To U.S. Forest Service,

The region of the forest that is proposed for cutting is called Telephone Gap. In this region, 92% of the trees slated for cutting are considered by the Forest Service as "old" or "mature." Today's science tells us that forests such as the one in Telephone Gap are our best natural tool to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and slow down the pace of climate change.

Much of this area is truly wild - no trails, no human disturbance. This untouched wildness is exactly the condition in which the forest needs to remain, for the climate, for biodiversity, for soil health, and for water quality.

Please stop this project.

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