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Comments: Logging of mature and old growth trees and the natural ecosystems that contain them needs to be a practice of the past. It is completely inconsistent with President Biden's Earth Day 2022 Executive Order that touted the importance of protecting these forests and trees for our climate. Your agency must look to the future needs for clean water and carbon storage that are rapidly increasing in importance. Logging Telephone Gap would rob future generations of an important piece of what little is left that can sustain the natural communities that provide life-giving ecosystem services. The Forest Service should not proceed with this project and should instead protect this project area from logging.