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Comments: The USFS has got to get used to the knowledge that our mature forests are the best carbon sinks on the land. Old growth and even mature 2nd growth forests sequester more CO₂ than any other type of land use, yet the forests service sticks with it's out dated, cherry picked science that has been proven to be "not the best available science" simply because they like what it suggests.

If the Telephone Gap project goes forward the forests will loose the best carbon storage trees, the forest will be further fragmented, leading to habitat destruction for all species, but the few the forest service favors and the new roads become playgrounds for vehicles that emit yet more carbon. Please refrain from this horrid project and start replanting the species of trees that we have lost. Spend your budgets fighting invasive species and protecting watersheds.

Sincerely,

Jason Kahn