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Comments: As a young Vermonter, I'm writing to ask you to take no logging action in Telephone Gap.

I'm not a scientist, but I don't think it takes a scientist to see that planting 901 acres of trees for "climate adaptation" is ridiculous if you also plan to remove 11,801 acres of mature and old trees. Even if you were choosing to plant an equal number as that which you are removing - which you most certainly are not - the new trees wouldn't sequester the same amount of carbon as the old trees for many decades.

By removing these older trees, we will not only lose all the benefits they provide but also the possibility of future generations reaping those same benefits. Planting new trees is definitely a positive thing; however, the loss of so many old trees has huge consequences that can never be recouped by new trees. I recommend that you remove the logging portions of your proposal but continue forward with efforts to reforest areas of the national forest that have been logged in the past.