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Comments: Mr. Mattrick,

Forestry needs to take climate seriously.

The Telephone Gap proposal feels like it was appropriate perhaps 40 years ago, when climate change was barely acknowledged in any context. I wasn't surprised, then, when a USFS veteran explained to me that much of the 2006 Forest Plan has its roots in science from the 1980s. Using material of this vintage to form the basis of a major project like Telephone Gap does not feel like a serious effort on the part of the Forest Service to fully consider the ramifications of its proposal.

Telephone Gap provides the Forest Service with an opportunity to rethink its approach to forest management. I encourage you and your team to develop a new proposal that prioritizes carbon sequestration over other interests (especially unnecessary and damaging luxuries like woodcock habitat for hunters, recreational sports, and extravagant "huts").

Please keep in mind that without mature and old forests to store carbon, all the noble forest management practices you champion will cease to matter in the near future. Make protecting Telephone Gap from logging your legacy.

Thank you,
Daniel Batten