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Comments: Please DO NOT lease Telephone Gap to logging companies for clearcuts. This would be dangerous, irresponsible and unethical, ruining climate change mitigation, causing harm to the ecosystem and bringing unnatural noise pollution. As foresters, the Forest Service should already know that clearcuts have major negative impacts on the environment. Even when it is done in patches, the recovery time is unnaturally long.

Your proposal says that there are parts of Telephone Gap that are overstocked with trees. Please come to see that it's not up to humans to make decisions for a forest - the forest will figure itself out, just like they always did before humans entered the picture.