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Comments: It seems to me that the current plan for logging in the Green Mtn National Forest, especially the Telephone Gap area, should be not e implemented as it's based on an outdated plan. As we experience and watch the effects of a changing climate, our highest priority should be responding and trying desperately to prevent the catastrophic consequences we've brought on ourselves. As more research has been done since 2008, we've learned that it is the trees over 60 years old that store the most carbon. It's essential to protect all older forests. Those are the ones that also hold the most biodiversity. It will take many decades for them to recover and provide the same ecological services, losing biodiversity and precious soil the whole time.

Please do not log the Telephone Gap area or any other forest over 60 years old. It doesn't matter what the harvest would be used for. Nothing is as valuable as leaving them standing.