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Comments: These comments refer to the Telephone Gap Resource Project. Clearcutting any forest, particularly old growth forest, is a proven recipe for disaster. Not only does it remove mature trees that sequester far more carbon than the replacements will for decades, it exposes soil to today's unpredictable weather, resulting in erosion, possible landslides and destruction of local ecosystems. It also sets up the new "forest" for damage from wind in a blowdown, as it will not have the diversity of species to support itself. Blowdown is an environmental and economic disaster.