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Comments: I am concerned that the Telephone Gap project and the Plan do not take the role that old trees play in sequestering carbon into consideration. We know from climate change scientists Beverly Law and William Moomaw that " Forests pull about one-third of all human-caused carbon dioxide emissions from the atmosphere each year. Researchers have calculated that ending deforestation and allowing mature forests to keep growing could enable forests to take up twice as much carbon." So keeping large trees in the ground is an incredibly effective and cheap way to reduce climate change. Table 2.2- 2 age Class objectives in the Plan is not a good guidance for the Telephone Gap project, because it does not value the role of old trees in slowing down climate change. Thank you for your consideration.

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