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Comments: I am in support of the proposed Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project #60192. I strongly believe that we should let the scientists and professional foresters do their jobs in managing the area. In a project of this size you probably won't please everyone, and a few mistakes will be made, but overall this project will improve the health of the forest. Logging can be "messy" for a couple of years after trees are taken, so I feel it would be wise to educate the public sooner than later for this eventuality.

I find it interesting that the term "old growth" is being used by those opposed to the project.. I think history will tell us that all the old growth timber was cut long ago. Perhaps a better description of the "old growth" 160 year old trees would be "older growth" trees.

I know there is concern about the value of old trees ability to store carbon. While it is true that older trees store more carbon, they don't sequester as much carbon as younger trees. As well, the old trees would be milled into boards so the carbon storage wouldn't be lost. I think there should be more discussion about this, lead by scientists, but in layman's terms.

Thank You.