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Old growth trees are essential at removing and storing carbon and for housing different wildlife species. The majority of the areas proposed for logging in the Telephone Gap timber sale are fall into this category and violate Biden's Executive Order from Earth Day 2022, which says that the US Forest Service must protect these forests for the benefit of the climate and biodiversity. This logging decision must be reconsidered.