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Comments: I grew up in Vermont in Rutland County, and I recently moved back to the state. One of the reasons I did so is because of the Vermont landscape of mountains and relatively intact forests. In this time of climate crisis, it has never been more important to manage our landscapes for maximal carbon sequestration and protection of biodiversity. Beyond that, as the mother of a young child, I want to be able to share my love for the outdoors with my daughter by showing her old-growth forests and appreciating the diverse ecosystems supported by these forests. I therefore urge the Forest Service to consider alternatives to the Telephone Gap project as it is currently outlined. I would support a "no action" alternative, or an alternative plan to create a carbon forestry zone in which the forest is managed to maximize carbon capture by enhancing its old-growth characteristics. In doing so, the Forest Service will be making a wise decision for my daughter and future generations in a warming climate.