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Comments: Hello, I am writing to express my opposition to the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project. It is appalling to me that such a large area of healthy, beautiful, mature forest so close to my home could be so easily sold for timber harvest right under my nose, without hardly even knowing that this was about to happen! We need to protect this forest and forests like it for future generations. This wilderness is precious and full of life. The land supports a vast number seasonal song birds and is a home to so much beloved wildlife. These old trees are actively storing carbon from our atmosphere. Humans have no technology as good as these trees in taking carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Do you understand that we are in the midst of a climate crisis and need to be doing everything we can to address this existential threat to life as we know it? I ask the US Forest Service to let Telephone Gap stand and to align itself with President Biden's 2022 Executive Order to protect our nations mature and old forests. Thank you for taking my comment.