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Comments: The proposed "management" of the telephone Gap project is, quite simply put, the most misguided, disingenuous proposal that could have been formulated for this area. The mature forests, undisputedly some of the last remaining under your care, cannot be sacrificed to the newly evolving management policies that you are adopting. Certainly, it is necessary to harvest products for our use, and probably there are areas that have been so badly managed in the past that there is little choice but to start over. This is not the case for the majority of this area and the sum total of all the proposed various managements will basically eradicate this wonderful forest.

I would propose an alternative which would designate a significant portion of the Telephone gap area as a "climate forest reserve". There is no hurry to remove these trees, and the fact that mature trees play a critical role to lessen the impacts of climate change supports this.

Please consider this approach, and do what you proposit to do -

Caring for the land and serving people - not businesses or the obvious failure of the forest management profession.