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Comments: To U.S. Forest Service,

Updated science informs us that mature trees are one of our best bulwarks against climate change. It is very possible, therefore, that the guidelines you will be applying for the Telephone Gap project will lead our climate further into destructive warming, unless they take into account the necessity of sparing mature trees from the cut. I would like to know specifically about the approach that will be taken for the mature trees, since they yield the most lumber and thus are most vulnerable.

Thank you. Submitted with respect for the work.