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Comments: The 2006 GMNF Forest Plan is highlighted as the main need for the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource project : "The Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project (Telephone Gap project) includes a variety of proposed management activities to achieve multiple resource goals, objectives, and desired future conditions as provided by direction in the 2006 GMNF Land and Resource Management Plan, or Forest Plan (USDA Forest Service 2006)."

Although I haven't had time to study all 159 pages of the 2006 Forest Plan, I did do a search of the document for "climate change" to see if concerns about climate change were factored into the plan. I found only two instances, one of which is in a required monitoring element and neither of which mentioned carbon storage or sequestration.

Therefore, I urge you to consider the Hippocratic oath that doctors take-in short, "Do no harm." Rather than trying to adhere to an outdated Forest Plan that was issued in 2006, please consider adopting Alternative A (i.e., do nothing) until an updated Forest Plan is available. Presumably, that plan would take into consideration President Biden's order to preserve old growth forests as key for carbon storage, among other benefits. It would digest and include the studies that have been published in the intervening 18 years. Can you imagine if medical professionals were still working from the 2006 base of knowledge?