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Comments: As a Procurement Forester for a paper manufacturer I have visited GMNF harvests for many years. Never have I observed any reason for the public to have concerns regarding timber harvests on the GMNF. Timber harvests on the GMNF are supervised by professional foresters, wildlife biologists, soil scientists, hydrologists and silviculture experts.

The residual forests benefit greatly from the removal of the low grade material that mills such as the one I work for are eager to purchase. The local communities benefit economically while reaping environmental and outdoor recreation benefits.

Alternative B to the proposed Telephone Gap project is the correct approach to increasing carbon sequestration by the forest. As science has proven aging forests rate of sequestration is decreased while the release of carbon from dead trees increases. Sequestration of carbon should be the priority in the short term.

I urge the GMNF to approve alternative B as the correct approach for management of the Telephone Gap forest.