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Comments: Please do NOT consign the Telephone Gap forest zone to logging. The Old Growth areas are rare and precious, and should be preserved at all costs. Mature forest is essential to carbon sequestration and this is what we have in the area in question. It will take at least thirty years for new forest to begin to reach some significant level of carbon sequestration. We simply cannot afford to wait that long. We are losing hundreds of thousands, if not millions of acres of forest around the world each year. The warming of the planet simply cannot sustain this destruction. Logging work and timber needs should come primarily from private lands, at least in this country, where we claim to have some control of deforestation. The USFS is critical to holding the line and I urge you to draw a firm line against the Telephone Gap project.