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Comments: I am writing to petition the current plan on the Telephone Gap logging project. While I am grateful to the Forest Service's development of Alternative C and D, it is still unthinkable to know the majority of the Telephone Gap will be logged. I beg you to please, please implement Alternative A, No Action. Our collective future is in the hands of a small few voices. We can not afford to be short sighted and choose unwisely at this time. Old growth forests give more than we currently recognize scientifically or consciously. By the time science and our understanding catches up to the complex equilibrium these great trees create and maintain in our ecosystem, it will be too late if we proceed forward as currently planned.

At the very least, I beg you not to cut down mature tree stands. It is the trees that give us our oxygen and serve a greater purpose in the dynamic interdependence of all of life. Though the impact trees have on all life on our planet is not obvious to some, the ignorant killing of them still has detrimental consequences. We have made wealth by using nature's free abundance as our resource. How much can we take before we arrive at the tipping point when entire ecosystems begin collapsing upon themselves due to the irrevocable damage we have ignorantly created? It is not too late. Please choose Alternative A, No Action.

May you be afforded the wisdom and consciousness to guide you toward the path that cherishes all living things for the benefit of all.

With love and hope,

Andrea Gallawa