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Comments: Dear District Ranger Mattrick,

I am requesting to be counted among those on the record in support of the active forest management plans in the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project Preliminary Environmental Assessment. The importance of science-based decisions that take such a wide variety of factors into consideration in the management decisions of public forests cannot be understated and I am appreciative of the process undertaken by the USFS. In particular, I am firmly in support of projects that include timber harvesting as part of enhancing the ecosystem. The timber resource on the GMNF is important to the regional forest economy including logging contractors, truckers, subcontractors, sawmill, firewood producers, and the secondary manufacturers, that process and distribute forest products into the supply chain. Humans consume vast amounts of forest products and harvesting and processing them locally is important to not just the local economy but also to reducing the energy expended and minimizing the externalization of our own consumption to another part of the planet where ecosystem and worker protection standards are not nearly as stringent, much less in existence. Please continue to use science, and objective reality, to make decisions for the GMNF. Kind regards, Sam Lincoln