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Comments: Dear Members of the US Forest Service,

Let me open my comments with some words of appreciation. Thank you for

- * the recent on-line information session hosted by forest service representatives

- * your response to public comment to develop Alternatives C and D

- * breaking new ground in the calculation of carbon emissions related to harvesting activity as addressed in Alternative D.

My greatest considerations for public forest management plans are carbon sequestration and biodiversity. Recreational and economic values fall far below the benefits of a planet with functioning ecosystems - the base of life in any form. I commend your development of Alternatives C and D in response to public comment.

I especially support Alternative D based on the crucial fact that it would emit fewer greenhouse gases than the other options. The cost of emissions cannot be dismissed or postponed; or if it is, it is at our own calculated peril.

I understand that D trades off some pro-active treatment for old growth and old-growth characteristics in comparison Alternative C. I greatly value the benefits of C and support it as my second choice.

Thank you for your work to provide a plan for Telephone Gap that meets multiple criteria across community interests. I am very proud, and very hopeful, that your selection of Alternative C or D will provide essential leadership to the nation on how to incorporate old-growth and ecosystem service protections, and climate-smart forestry principles, into a viable, future-affirming management plan.

Sincerely yours.