Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/8/2024 5:33:19 PM First name: Alpana Last name: Bakshi Organization: Title: Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Telephone Gap Project logging is a clear affront to President Biden's Executive Order calling for the conservation of old forest growth. The Forest Service has a duty to protect ALL MATURE STANDS over the age of 80 in the Telephone Gap landscape and across the entire Green Mountain National Forest. The Environmental Assessment that the Service currently conducts is not adequate enough in upholding a rigorous Environmental Impact Statement. The Service should take Alternative A, No Action to be their course of action. While Alternatives C and D are commendable solutions to reducing road construction, they unfortunately still allow for the cut down of old growth. I urge you to consider the impact of this project on Old Growth and really consider how necessary it is to justify their destruction

Sincerely, Alpana Bakshi