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Comments: I understand that several alternatives have been proposed for the telephone gap project. Given the importance of old growth forests and mature stands that are well on their way to becoming old growth for sequestering carbon and providing diverse resilient habitat I believe alternative A is the best choice.
Alternative A was described to me as putting the project on hold until the forest service amends the national Forest Plan in 2025. When current understanding of the importance of protecting mature and old growth forests will be integrated into the process.
Please adopt this alternative so that the true value of these forests as they are rather than just their dollar value as timber can be considered in designing the plan.
Thanks for your consideration,