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Comments: I have several concerns about the proposed management of the Telephone Gap area.

- the threat of the invasive asian jumping worm of the forest floor is potentially devastating. Surveys should be done before any management and if not present in managed areas a sanitation protocol should be mandated for all equipment operating in those areas.
- the definition of a bicycle should be limited to human powered designs everywhere except on those trails or roads that will permit snowmobile or atv use. None should be allowed elsewhere.
- Carbon sequestration should be paramount in the short term until it is apparent that other approaches are effective and climate warming will not destroy civilization as we know it.
- I can't find evidence that the management of the private lands which compose approximately half of this parcel will not create some of the management goals that are suggested for this parcel. What will not happen on them is for old growth and or mature forests to expand and it is only on these public lands that there is any realistic chance of this happening. An more detailed analysis of future management and resulting forest types must be done and management on public lands that creates or enhances old growth or mature stands be increased to compensate for the intense management and development possible on private lands.