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Comments: I am concerned about plans for the Telephone Gap Project.

I hope that "Alternative A" will be chosen, that the project will be put on hold, at least until early 2025, when the US Forest Service will do a nationwide Forest Plan amendment process.

At this time of climate change it is critical that we leave trees alone, especially the old growth and mature trees, so that they can do their vial photosynthesis work, (light + carbond dioxide + water transform into sugar and oxygen). Yes, we human beings need to breathe first, before we get carried away with consumption.

We need a wise team of people to solve these problems we are facing in our lives. (Would you have considered having Western Abenaki representation on your team?). Who are the stewards of or forests? How do we communicate with each other? How do we express gratitude to the trees, the water, the air, the soil, the animals, the plants...?

How do we learn lesson regarding taking no more than we need and sharing what we have?