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Comments: Dear Chris,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project. I found it very hard to wade through the 450+ pages of documents, and the map details were hard to see. I concentrated my efforts on the Preliminary EA, Mitigating Measures, and Design Features.

I urge the Forest Service to choose Alternative B, Modified as the action alternative. I believe it is the alternative that will best move the project toward the goals and objectives of the current Forest Plan.

It is interesting to note that in spite of all hoopla about protecting "old growth", and how this project will "devastate an area larger than the City of Burlington", there is no old growth proposed for harvesting.

Much of the public has been led to believe that "harvesting" equates to "clearcutting". In reality only 232 ac. out of 8205ac. to be harvested under Alt. B are clearcut. Another 4740 ac. are to be planted after harvest. I think that the Forest Service needs to make that clear in the Decision Notice.

I look forward to seeing Alternative B, Modified as the chosen alternative in the Final Decision document.