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Comments: Old Growth Forests: The Telephone Gap logging project would cut 817 stand acres of old growth, a significant figure considering that the US Forest Service estimated in June that there are only 2,000-acres of old-growth in the 400,000-acre Green Mountain National Forest. In other words, only 0.5% of the entire forest is old growth, and the Telephone Gap project threatens this extraordinarily important and rare habitat.

Climate Impact: The Telephone Gap project would release 254,556 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e, the equivalent of driving more than 60,000 average passenger vehicles for a year. This is the climate impact from just one of the National Forest's logging projects - the Early Successional Habitat Creation, Robinson, Somerset, and other recent projects are all on a similar scale, and conceivably are already releasing similar or greater amounts of climate pollution. These logging practices are out of date. In Europe specifically Germany we preserve 30% of our forests of the entire country for recreation and healing. We would never support this project. The new forestry science has the approach of allowing the forest to regenerate by itself. It does not need to be "managed" unless we are looking for profit which is greed driven. Please close this project and any others as we are on this planet together and have to reckon with Climate Change!! A great amount of the 2 lungs of this planet are gone the Amazon and the Boreal Polar Forest. We simply cannot sustain any more tree deaths especially as they clearly relate to our changing climate and the air we all need to breathe. Thank you for your understanding and change of heart. Dr. Dunja Moeller