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Comments: I am writing as a follow-up to my previous comments on the Telephone Gap Old Growth and Mature Tree logging project. Obviously you did not take previous comments into consideration, and did not listen to the testimony during the public hearings. What is wrong with the leadership at the GMNF? Why do you continue to plan climate crimes in the face of the climate emergency? How can you look your children in the eyes and not feel ashamed of your actions?

I see no point to raise any additional points, since you summarily dismiss every concern was previous brought to your attention, but for the good of the forest and the critters that you intend to kill, the habitat that you intend to destroy, and the intentional degradation that you intend to inflict on a living, breathing world, I will waste my time listing the issues so that you can once again ignore them so that you can arrive at your predetermined outcome.

1. Cancel this entire project and instead protect all old growth forests, and mature trees in the GMNF. By selecting your preferred alternative, in spite of scientific evidence that proforestation is the best option, you are acting as climate criminals. Every area that currently has old growth characteristics or is developing old growth characteristics should be protected from abuse and degradation that will be the result of your planned logging activities.

2. I emphasize that what you are proposing is a climate crime, and if carried out you will be climate criminals. Do you have no conscience whatsoever? You are planning to make climate chaos worse, while Los Angeles burns, and still you want to make it all worse. Your proposed actions will intensify climate disruption, and release massive amounts of CO2 into the already overburdened atmosphere, but apparently you just don't care. I find that the saddest thing imaginable, for you must enjoy destroying other people's lives and shattering any hope for the future. How very sick.

3. What you are planning is a blatant violation of the spirit and intent of laws meant to protect endangered species, and recover long extirpated species that would be able to return to the GMNF except for you callous disregard for laws and ecological sanity. When will the Timber Wolf return? When will viable populations of Mountain Lions inhabit the GMNF? When will you even care that your actions are so out of touch with ecological reality that they are insulting to every person and creature that calls the forest their friend? Why are you so pitiable and scared of the wild and healthy earth that we all home? What is wrong in your head?

I have run out of words to describe how saddened I am by this entire farce of a planning process. Right from the start you lied to the public and constantly manipulated the process to ensure that you came up with the end result that you intended right from the start. Anyone can see that. I watched the process from start to finish and the corruption is hard to take. The dishonesty and intentional fraud that was perpetrated is beyond unacceptable, it is reprehensible. No one who worked on this project can take any pride in participating in such a sham. The only question that remains, at the end of this travesty, is how can you look in the mirror, how can you face the future that you want to create, and finally, how do you sleep at night?

" O, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth, That I am meek and gentle with these butchers!"

--William Shakespeare, from Julius Caesar, Act 3, Scene 1