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- Let's embrace the wet and rainforest life zones, Plant Association Zones, and Mean Annual Increment metrics like they're the cast of a forest management blockbuster. But seriously, these need to shine across the entire national forest stage—not just in a haphazard, stand-by-stand indie flick.
- Recognize the world-class growth and above-ground carbon storage of the NWFP region's lush, soggy forests. These areas are nature's super-achievers in the biomass department, and they deserve the recognition.
- Time for an honest inventory of the past: clearcutting from 1945-1995 and plantation thinning from 1995 to now. Think of it as the "Forest Management: Where Did We Go Wrong?" chapter of our collective biography.
- For wet and rainforest zones, I commend DEIS Option B for ditching the unnecessary (and frankly unwelcome) fuel load reduction strategy. Let's leave fuel load reduction to the deserts where it belongs and instead consult tribes who actually know a thing or two about fire in these life zones.
- It's official: we're at "code red" for planet Earth. Climate change isn't waiting for the next update, and I appreciate DEIS highlighting climate issues, but let's face it—the analysis is about as current as a cassette tape.
- Spoiler alert: Future climate conditions are arriving faster than predicted. Please check out the Coast Range Association's comment citations for evidence that our climate models might be running fashionably late.
For reference, see page 14-15 of the following document: <https://coastrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Coast-Range-Association-Comments-Old-growth-DEIS-2.pdf>
- DEIS Alternative B is seriously ghosting the Siuslaw National Forest's wet and rainforest zones. Here's what we need to fix it:
 - a. Forest Stewardship: Fire resistance, not resilience, should be the name of the game. Let's make those trees our knights in shining bark.
 - b. Fire Resilience: This is more of a human thing—start with home hardening. Because last I checked, "fuel reduction" isn't a synonym for safety.
 - c. Climate: It's not just *an* issue—it's *THE* issue. This is the part where we flip back to those scientists' "warnings to humanity" for a refresher.

d. Ecosystem Integrity: Wet and rainforest ecosystems are not compatible with lumberjack fantasies or excessive road maps. Let's talk canopy cover and under-planting instead.

e. Carbon: These forests are the world-class carbon storage champions. Proper stewardship here equals less CO2 partying in our atmosphere.

- DEIS needs a rewrite that swaps out dry theories for wildfire refugia science and wildfire resistance strategies. Think of it as updating from dial-up to fiber optic.
- Attention: All forest thinning must leave at least 70% canopy cover behind. Without it, wildfire resistance is just a pipe dream.
- Commercial thinning is out. Budget-funded thinning is in—because why should profit dictate the fate of these forests?
- Kudos for maintaining Late Successional Reserve areas, but we're drawing the line at commercial timber harvests in these zones. Option B's idea to harvest stands up to 119 years old is about as popular as soggy socks—and just as unwelcome.