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Comments: What happens when forest are mismanaged? Invasives, fires, dropping of the water table, desertification? Did you know Africa was once covered in trees and lush, flowing water?

Who pays the price when chemicals are applied to mitigate "invasive" plants in our National Forests? Why must such measures be necessary?

Pioneer plants are plants that move in to cover and replenish upturned ground, bringing vital nutrients back to the area, in succession, untill the soil is healed. Nature has to heal from the monoculture plantations where our native forests used to live in the Siuslaw.

Upturned ground, exposed to the sun, breaks the soil's natural mycelial web. Nature has no choice but to repair with plants.

Mismanagement is old school. Oregon forests are important enough to consider taking a look at projects around the world that are doing it differently. There's a regenerative movement afoot. Oregon could be a global leader in forestry.

We'd like to invite the recognition that sometimes the cheapest, most efficient approach, is no longer a solution and only continues to exacerbate the issues at hand.

Please consider the 50+ years in culmination of Carol Van Strum's work in the PDF included below. There's another way, we do not want to be poisoned. It's time to collaborate.