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Comments: Given the extreme dangers of climate change to our society and planet, we must protect and increase carbon-rich old growth forests because they remove and store climate warming carbon from the air. Through numerous forest documentation visits that I have made over the past few months (documents attached below), I have experienced some of the last true old growth and mature forests in our nation; indeed the moist and magnificent Siuslaw National Forest is the number one carbon storing forest in the country! We must preserve these diverse, life-rich, carbon-sequestering forests for our future. Please include special guidance in the final document for super-carbon-storehouse forests like the Siuslaw, and commit to NOT logging any remnants of old-growth and mature forestlands that play a crucial role in mitigating climate breakdown. Intact old growth on the Siuslaw is naturally fire resistant, and I am very concerned that a stakeholder process that includes the timber industry will abuse the proposed management theory of "proactive stewardship." Multiple stakeholders must be included from the tribes that have historically lived on these lands, to the local citizens and environmental groups working to protect them for the sake of our people and our planet's future.

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