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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

I am a life long Lincoln County resident with family roots in timber and fishing businesses. I presently serve as co-facilitator for a coalition of our Municipalities and The Siletz Tribe called The Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance. With earnest concerns about our area's degrading rivers and streams, and its mounting water deficits due to forest practices, warming climate and over allocation we seek to develop a 50 year plan for sustaining both instream and out of stream health in our water systems. The health or absence of health of our forests are perhaps the biggest variables impacting our water supplies. In our area, future management of the Siuslaw National is of great concern. The current DEIS data on climate issues is dated. New analysis is desperately needed. For example, while I appreciate that summer stream flows in the NFS due to climate are discussed in the DEIS, I'm deeply troubled that low stream flow due to forest management goes unmentioned! This is a grave omission and a critical data gap missing from the DEIS. The Siuslaw National Forest holds the biggest, best and most globally impactful answer we have for fighting our climate crisis. The answer? The forest itself. With the support of thoughtful, noncommercial timber management , the SNF and all our national forests can serve as cheap, dirt cheap! insurance for sustaining the integrity of our watersheds, and the health and well being of countless lives who depend on them for long to come . I endorse the the comments submitted by the Coast Range Association. I've shared them with our Representatives and Senators with my strongest encouragement they be given careful consideration. Please read the CRA's recommendations for additions and changes in the DEIS. Now, more than ever our Oregon forests deserve the best available input. With CRA they have it.

ATTACHMENT-Reference: pub4981.pdf; Timothy D. Perry, Julia A. Jones; 2016; Summer streamflow deficits from regenerating Douglas-fir forest in the Pacific Northwest, USA; Ecohydrology. DOI 10.1002/eco.1790; Conversion of old-growth forest to Douglas-fir plantations had a major effect on summer streamflow. Reduced summer streamflow in headwater basins with forest plantations may limit aquatic habitat and exacerbate stream warming, and it may also alter water yield and timing in much larger basins.