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Comments: It's time to see the forest for the trees-- to base all future forest planning on strategies to address the GLOBAL CLIMATE CRISIS. No local economics. No corporate stakeholders. No administrative short cuts. It's time to value each region for what it can offer in forest carbon sequestration.

Responsible proactive stewardship must encompass more than strategies to reduce wildfire, insects, and disease to increase the resilience of all forests including old-growth and mature stands. It must amend the mis-directed practices of timber harvest and fire suppression of the past.

My message is simple: Protect our precious natural forests for future generations, addressing individual forests accordingly. For example, consider the elevation and marine influence of the Suislaw National Forest when planning management strategies. It isn't just the edge of our continent on the satellite photos. It is part of the oceanic ecosystem as well.

Thank you for your attention.