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Comments: I live in the Siuslaw National Forest and I want to see far greater protections of our maturing and old trees. They store carbon we desperately need to keep out of the atmosphere, they create the moist habitat that prevents fires from threatening our communities, and are the home of a myriad of complex systems of animals and plants.

The timber industry need to take their tree farming elsewhere, out of the forests. The forests are filling a far more important function on earth than providing building materials and it's time our legislators recognize this hard fact.