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Comments: Like many. I'm a forest lover for all the usual reasons including the peace and joy I've experienced hiking in forests especially old growth areas. Mostly a city kid, I fell in love with nature vs concrete. I actually feel pain when I look at areas after clear cutting. I've volunteered on many tree planting projects for various reasons- mostly to prevent flooding or erosion and/or to protect natural water resources. I currently live at the edge of Siuslaw Forest and am especially concerned about its old growth areas. They help protect us from fires, remove/store climate warming carbon and improve our air quality. I understand the Siuslaw National Forest, is the number one carbon storing forest in the country. Please include special guidance in the final document for super-carbon-storehouse-forests like the Siuslaw. I've seen so much clear cutting as more people buy larger acreage. We need to protect our national forests to offset what private individuals are doing. I hope all policies will favor conservation and protection of our forests. Thank you.