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Comments: Climate change needs to be considered an EMERGENCY!

I believe nothing is more important than managing our national forest to help mitigate this climate emergency. Without proactively fighting climate change our whole future is in jeopardy.

I request that the DEIS be amended to include language directing each national forest to be transparent about forest stand inventories and GIS based data relevant to mature and old growth stands. Forest inventory data must be readily and easily accessible to the public. And the FEIS must direct the 11 Forest Service to not obscure forest-level data in massive cloud-based inventories and confusingly assembled datasets.

We need forest management that matches the scale of the climate crisis. Stewardship for mature and old-growth forests on federal lands will make a serious contribution to the reduction of climate warming atmospheric carbon. Climate warming is a crisis and attaining such a goal is best not left to stakeholder processes. Especially stakeholder processes where commercial interests participate.

To most effectively help mitigate climate change impacts the FS should end the cutting of old-growth trees in all national forests and end the cutting of mature and old growth trees in high carbon sequestering moist forest types.

As such the FS should include language to prohibit all the commercial logging of old growth.

I have spent the last 21 years working with watershed councils to improve stream health for both fish and water quantity for human consumption. I have spent much time in the Siuslaw NF with old growth and know that these forests are the most effective way to assure cool clean water that also assures we have adequate stream flow during the dry season on the Oregon Coast.

Thank you for considering my comments in your final EIS.