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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service officials and all people within the department with the mission to care for the land and serve this country's population,

Please provide essential support and care for our planet by protecting old growth forests. The Siuslaw Forest is next to where I live and is very moist due to high rainfall. Keeping old growth intact creates natural resistance to fire, one of our most pressing and critical dangers. I am very concerned that a stakeholder process that includes the timber industry will abuse the proposed management theory of "proactive stewardship."

Our future locally and globally is in your hands. Please serve us all well.

Respectfully,

Laura Rains