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Comments: I was formerly a state forester in the Midwest, and I now have lived in Oregon for the past 2 years doing restoration work. I attended the public meeting in Corvallis at the Siuslaw headquarters, and decided to submit a comment regarding Amendment #64745 after reading through. My comment mainly focuses on what I perceive as an over-reliance on the timber industry to manage forests. The forest areas that are most vulnerable to wildfire are usually the least profitable areas in timber value. They usually have been ravaged by insects and/or disease and/or weather, meaning it will be difficult to properly manage without giving away subsidies anyway. So instead of giving that to a timber company, in addition to a harvest of valuable public lands, consider instead hiring members of the community to be firefighters, land stewards, and forest managers, who will then contract local loggers to participate in timber harvests that are still financially beneficial and can sustain their business, but also increases the wildfire protection ability. As these insect/disease/weather problems increase in frequency and intensity, options need to be considered that are outside the traditional market. The same issue was addressed during the New Deal, where the government partook in environmental infrastructure work in order to lift people out of an economic depression while also hardening infrastructure against floods, wildfires, etc., all while giving more recreation access to local communities. Rural America is facing a specific issue of small rural towns being deserted due to a lack of economic opportunity. Those regions still need foresters, firefighters, and land stewards in general, otherwise that land can literally go up in flames. In order to bolster these communities, we should engage in New-Deal style programs that offer paid work to local communities engineered towards a balance of stewardship, recreation, and management to the landscape. An influx of money towards this program would potentially offset billions spent in wildfire firefighting every year, save homes/infrastructure from wildfire (like LA), and bring a needed boost to local economies. Please consider more practical management funding for local communities to be better stewards of their own homes, in addition to revitalizing older communities, in the face of increased threat from wildfires.