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Comments: I am writing to promote protection of the Siuslaw National Forest. As a land owner in this forest since 1982 I have a long history of investment, observation and recreation in this naturally and culturally rich land. The Proximity to the Ocean and its location in the Coast Range makes it a significant forest for climate control, fire resilience, human recreation and a natural habitat for a huge range of species. It is a harsh climate for trees to grow in and they must be protected in order to thrive in their natural environment in order to play their significant part in this bio- diverse habitat. Each year from March to October and again during the weeks of King Tides and Whale migrations, our campgrounds, parks, roads, hotels, restaurants, hiking trails surge with visitors that contribute significantly to our local & Do Not Log this rich, lush, forest that is essential to our health, climate control, economy and fire resilience. I support the recommendations advanced by Chuck Willer and the Coast Range Studies.