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Comments: Losing any more Siuslaw National Forest native forest is unacceptable and wrong. We are now at "code red" on planet Earth. Humanity is unequivocally facing a climate emergency. I applaud the inclusion of climate issues in the Forest Service's DEIS. However, the DEIS's analysis is dated and not current to real world conditions and the scale of destructive events. The DEIS must be seriously revised for wet and rainforest life zones and incorporate wildfire refugia science for the goal of wildfire resistant forests.

I applaud the Forest Service for maintaining Late Successional Reserve (LSR) areas; However, I strenuously oppose future commercial timber harvest as a management practice in LSRs. The harvest of naturally regenerated stands in LSRs within the Siuslaw National Forest (and other public forests), no matter what age, will engender vigorous public opposition. Option B's proposal to harvest stands in LSRs up to 119 years of age is a dead-in-the-water idea and wrong forest management that imperils the ecosystems we depend on for survival.

The Forest Service must recognize and incorporate wet and rainforest life zones, coupled with Plant Association Zones and Mean Annual Increment metrics into a revised set of mapped forest management zones. This effort is not something to be accomplished at the stand or project level where arbitrary and capricious decisions will occur, but at the landscape scale based on best available science. The Forest Service must also consult relevant tribes for appropriate fire use in wet and rainforest life zones.

Forest thinning for all moist, wet and rainforest forests must maintain at least 75% canopy cover post-thinning. 75% or more forest canopy is necessary for wildfire resistance in wildfire refugia management strategies.

I endorse the Coast Range Association's (CRA) comments on the DEIS. Please fully consider the CRA's comments (www.coastrange.org). We must protect our vital forests for future generations and the survival of our planet!