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Comments: I strongly oppose the provisions of proposed rule 64745 as they relate to harvesting smaller trees which should be left to mature. The Suislaw forest is a critical line of defense against global warming, and a sorely needed habitat for creatures great and small. For those of us who live adjacent to the forest, it is a daily refuge where we may find solace from the pressures of daily living and joy to hear our children's laughter as they explore its grandeur.

The changes in dimension for harvesting are an obvious resource grab by large and powerful timber companies that have been ripping us off for years. They don't care about the small number of local jobs that will theoretically be created. If they could do their entire operations without a single human worker, they would be happiest.

Lastly, all of the proposed rule that deals with indigenous peoples should be separated from the rule and worked out with them before any discussion of harvesting takes place.

There is an enormous amount of work that needs to take place to protect the forest for future generations and for the climate needs of the world.

The NFS should focus on those needs instead of ballooning the bottom lines of the timber giants.