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Comments: I endorse the Coast Range Association's (CRA) comments on the DEIS.

Please fully consider the CRA's comments. Especially regarding MOIST FORESTS!

8. DEIS Alternative B topics are severely remiss addressing wet and rainforest zones of the Siuslaw National Forest: 8a. Forest Stewardship: Fire resistance, not resilience, must be the goal of forest management in the Siuslaw National Forest. 8.b Fire Resilience: Is appropriate for human communities. Home hardening, not forest management for fuel reduction is the path to human community resilience. 8.c Climate: Is not one among many issues-it is THE issue for Northwest Forest Plan forest management. Please re-read the set of scientists'warnings to humanity. 8.d Ecosystem Integrity: Wet and rainforest temperate ecosystem integrity is not supported by commercial timber removal and extensive road networks. Non- commercial plantation thinning (minimum canopy cover of 75%) and underplanting are warranted. 8.e Carbon: World class sequestration of atmospheric CO2 is a natural outcome of proper forest stewardship when managing for wildfire resistance and ecosystem integrity. This is especially true for the Siuslaw National Forest.

9. The DEIS must be seriously revised for wet and rainforest life zones and incorporate wildfire refugia science for the goal of wildfire resistant forests.

10. DEIS must base forest thinning on wildfire resistance and the retention and build-up of CRA - Page 5 sequestered carbon for the Siuslaw National Forest's wet and rainforest life zones.

11. 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.

12. Commercial forest thinning must be replaced by Forest Service budget funded thinning.

13. Supportive infrastructure for Siuslaw National Forest dispersed recreational activities and public enjoyment must be part of the DEIS. The public must feel welcomed and able to visit the interior areas of the Siuslaw National Forest. Currently, the Siuslaw NF road system is not recommended for non-high riding vehicles.

14. We applaud the Forest Service for maintaining Late Successional Reserve (LSR) areas. However, we 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, 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.

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