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Comments: 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 DEIS. However, the DEIS's
analysis is dated and not current to real world conditions and the scale of destructive
events. Future climate conditions will likely arrive sooner than DEIS's climate discussion
suggests. Please read the three citations in the Coast Range Association's comments on
climate warming impacts racing ahead of climate model predictions.
The DEIS must be seriously revised for wet and rainforest life zones and incorporate
wildfire refugia science for the goal of wildfire resistant forests.
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. Commercial forest thinning must be replaced by Forest Service budget
funded thinning.
Kudos to the Forest Service for maintaining Late Successional Reserve (LSR) areas.
However, I strongly 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 myopic, terrible idea and
wrong forest management.
Climate change is a moral and ethical issue. Forestry practices should be centered around protecting what little
we have left, not pillaging it more for profit and short term gains. Using the guise of "fire management" to over
thin forests is just wrong. Follow the science, not the money. Please, I beg of you. As somebody who lives in the
Siuslaw National Forest, tell me what I can say that would shift the needle toward kindness, common sense, and
forethought for next generations.
I am begging you, please.