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I am a parent, an educator and a scientist worried about the decline in biodiversity and the accelerating pace of climate change. I appreciate the Department of Ecology's hard work to implement the CCA rule-making. I am very worried about the forest health in WA in general as the climate change fuels wildfires. I am afraid that managing the forests for carbon offsets will not increase their resilience to wildfires and insects and might accelerate the overall biodiversity loss. I also happen to be a small forest land-owner in Washington State and I hope there will be opportunities for people like myself who don't manage their land for timber but for conservation to participate in the carbon markets. We should prevent making the same mistakes that were done in other states and countries that have also adopted a cap and trade to reduce their emissions. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.