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You are no doubt doing a good job as far as it goes, but I fear you are missing a major source of emissions in our state, urban development. A study done by UW more than 10 years ago indicates that nearly 390,000 acres of forest in western Washington will be cleared for urban development over the next 28 years through 2050. This could result in at least 58 million metric tonnes of CO2e and an additional 13.6 million tonnes of lost sequestration of carbon over that same period. This is only the start of impacts from urban development. Additional building emissions and car emissions should also be counted toward toward the 25,000 tonnes requiring cap and invest. As little as 150 acres of urban development on forest land could result in 25,000 tonnes of emissions. This source should be capped and require offset. If you analyze properly, you will see that urban development in forest areas is a major source of emissions which will prevent the state from reaching its climate commitments. Thank you. Peace with the Earth.