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I am disturbed by the unscientific and political way this rule is being made. The dept. of ecology and others have been very nontransparent and conspiratorial against the management of our forests. How can you be so destructive to an industry with out a solid base in science? Your study does not represent the vast majority of streams and is a sham to science to be using it.

The process of negotiations that the timber industry entered into years ago has become a tool to destroy the industry and the members have been very unfaithful to the spirit of TFW.

The Tier III process should be stopped and started over again with good faith toward the sciences.

As more and more timberland is taken away from forest management The timber industry has shrunk dramatically to a point where the infrastructure cannot stand many more loses and the industry will ultimately collapse, which I feel is what you want.

Be the trusted and honest public servants you are suppose to be and put your silly philosophies aside and stick to pure science not political science.