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I am writing to comment on the designations of Tier III waters. I am surprised by this move by Ecology because it seems like it is outside their normal scope. I'm also dismayed that there is no transparency here. Why are they choosing this action? Have there been economic studies, is there data to say this should be done? As a forest landowner I can speak to a robust stream and water categorization process that takes place when writing our forest plan, applying for permits and complying with existing stream and water protection rules. What is the point of this Tier III step? Until there is some more explanation with examples, extrapolations and possible costs involved, such designation changes should be put on pause. Thank you for your time.