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I urge you to support and adopt the proposed Draft Tier II Analysis, which will widen the buffer requirements for non-fish streams.

- The amendments will help promote biodiversity because trees provide important benefits; filtering sediments and pollutants in the water and shade which will cool the water, thereby protecting fish and other wildlife that lives in the streams such as amphibians, insects, and birds. That these smaller streams flow year-round, makes it all the more critical that they be protected.
- Scientific studies of the existing buffers have shown they are beneficial and meet Clean Water Act Standards. Widening the buffers is the next logical step.
- This proposal reflects decades of compromise from a wide range of stakeholders.

Please take action now and adopt the proposed amendments, so there will be clear, enforceable protections in place.

Thank you,

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