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Expanding stream buffers means:

Clear cutting can't occur as close to streams anymore.

25 more feet of trees to shade the streams and keep the water temperatures cool for fish and other aquatic life

This helps watersheds to better filter and deliver water downstream.

Improves water quality for all – human and non-human alike.

Increased habitat for all forest creatures.

Buffers also help filter out pollutants, reduce erosion, provide nutrients for aquatic life, and can help minimize the impacts from flooding.

Fire resistance - Riparian buffers play a vital role in slowing or stopping the spread of wildfires, enhancing overall fire resistance in the landscape. The larger the buffer, the greater the protection.