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I am Ann Stinson a second-generation small forest landowner in Lewis County. I'm also the President of the Washington Farm Forestry Association. As Ken Miller said the Tier II analysis is complex and complicated so I'm going to tell a simple story.

My brother Steve Stinson had a bumper sticker that indicated he was a steward of a family forest. One day he was stopped in a traffic jam on I-5. Someone rolled down their window and yelled 'what's the family forest?' and he yelled back after a brief pause and said 'a family forest is a salmon 's best friend'.

And it's true.

A lovingly managed forest is a forest that provides shade, cool water, habitat, and carbon absorbing biodegradable timber is what we need to be protecting not harming. Thank you.