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I strongly support the Forest Practice Board's proposed rule on increasing buffers on perennial non-fish bearing streams in Western Washington. The science is clear that larger buffers will decrease water temperatures, reduce runoff, decrease erosion, and help with fire prevention. And all of this improves the aquatic life in these streams. Because of our increased yearly temperatures overall, anything we can do to ameliorate this trend and its effects in these waters will improve stream health.

Please resist the efforts (that we know will come) from the logging industry. Your duty is to look at the long-term results - not the short-term - and what is best for Washington's natural environment and citizens. Thank you.