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I strongly support the Type Np Water Buffer new rules of 100% buffering of the streams, proposed by the Forest Practices Board. I am writing to urge you to protect the streams in Western Washington and adopt the rules necessary to prevent temperature pollution by limiting tree harvesting near these streams.

I fully support the proposed buffers as specified in the new rules. Current forest practices rules cannot ensure the shading needed for the health of streams and health and survival of their aquatic inhabitants.

I believe it is imperative that we do the courageous work, what it takes to restore the streams to the extent possible to prevent further damage to our watersheds and the ecosystems they support. Forest landowners should be shown how these new rules would also benefit them in the short- and long-term.

Sadly, we cannot have the forests and streams of two centuries ago. But we can continuously strive for their reparation and restoration.

Thank you,

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