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Comments: The FLP should not attempt to expand tree farming at the expense of the native, diverse and wildlife sustaining forest. Areas of old growth and potential future old growth should be protected .Steep slopes and poor soils make sad failed farms of trees or any other crop. The areas rivers are choked with silt from hundreds of years of that mistake. The diverse native hardwood forest can allow recovery of the rivers, store carbon to stabilize the climate and provide habitat for our huge diversity of flora and fauna. Fire and herbicide have their place but must not be overused or abused. The network of unmaintained ,poorly built "logging roads" should be recognized as the catastrophe for fish that they are be closed or repaired rather than allowed to expand and damage more rivers.
The foothills around the world are sources of clear fish filled rivers and forests which people find refuge and beauty in-except in places where humans have damaged and abused them trying to force them be cropland. The planet has enough denuded and eroding slopes, please preserve and expand our native hardwood forests.