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**Subject:** RE: legacy forest preservation crucial for climate mitigation  
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Good day, Tonya,

Thank you for submitting comments regarding legacy forest preservation related to Climate Mitigation for the Comprehensive Plan. I have forwarded to members of Staff and these will be entered into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Regards,

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To the Board of Natural Resources, CPL Upthegrove, and all other county level officials, as well as to the Clark County Comp Plan –

Forest loss makes up 75% of emissions from Agriculture, Forestry, and Land Use.

Of total Clark County emissions, 20% are from the AFLU category.

That is a significant portion of emissions that will need to be considered in all County planning.

Not addressing forest loss like that of the Dabblers is a slap in the face of future generations of Clark County and sabotages meaningful application of state policy.

The Clark County community has spoken out against the auctioning of the Dabblers sale – yet in spite of this official request, the DNR has obfuscated and manipulated DNR policy to go ahead with this auction AGAINST the will of the people. This rogue action is in direct violation of the state of Washington Constitution, which states that all public lands MUST be managed in a way that benefits ALL RESIDENTS.

Scientific research confirms the necessity and importance of mature, structurally complex forests like the Dabblers auction – as crucial for climate mitigation. Conveniently, there is no inclusion of this peer-reviewed science in the policy and procedures that informed the SEPA Process for this sale approval.

Forests like the Dabblers are essential in any climate mitigation plan that the county puts forward. Both for carbon sequestration and biodiversity.

"Previous work has shown that the challenges posed by climate change, biodiversity loss, and land use are deeply interconnected. This has been documented in several recent high-level publications and reports (e.g., Diaz et al. [2019](#); IPCC and IPBES [2021](#); IPCC [2023a, b](#))."

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"Forest management (e.g., land preservation, reduced harvest) can contribute to climate change mitigation and the preservation of biodiversity (MEA [2005](#)). Globally, improvements to land management could provide an estimated 37% of the mitigation needed to stabilize warming below 2°C by 2039 (Griscom et al. [2017](#)). Land management can also mitigate the negative effects that climate-induced ecosystem transformations have on biodiversity and watersheds, which influence ecosystem services that contribute to human well-being (Canadell and Raupach [2008](#), Griscom et al. [2017](#))."

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## Carbon sequestration and biodiversity co-benefits of preserving forests in the western United States

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"Forest carbon sequestration via forest preservation can be a viable climate change mitigation strategy. **Additionally, these forests currently have high above- and belowground carbon density, high tree species richness, and a high proportion of critical habitat for endangered vertebrate species, indicating a strong potential to support biodiversity into the future and promote ecosystem resilience to climate change. Our work demonstrates how process models and ecological criteria can be used to prioritize landscape preservation for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and preserving biodiversity in a rapidly changing climate.**"

Full article at:

[Carbon sequestration and biodiversity co-benefits of preserving forests in the western United States – Buotte – 2020 – Ecological Applications – Wiley Online Library](#)

Cease and desist the auction of the Dabblers forest until Greenhouse Gas Emissions estimates can be provided from the proposed harvest, with alternatives toward climate mitigation policy planning. Further, defer all legacy forest lands from sale in Clark County.

Thank you,  
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