**North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project or environmental devastation project?**

As a former resident along the North Fork of the Nooksack, friends and residents have alerted me to your proposed project. I write to you to voice my concerns for the sanctuary of the Nooksack.

The planet and humanity are at an environmental tipping-point. Every choice you make matters.

During the course of this administration, the U.S has reversed environmental policies to the dark ages or Regan and Bush, while the U.S leads the globe in the most lives lost to Covid-19.

To learn of your proposal for the Nooksack “vegetation management” project, I’m gob-smacked (but no longer surprised) at yet another grotesque action by this administration in a mountain of others, center self-interest and greed over planetary and human wellbeing.

This project represents an egregious reversal of your previous management, posing an irreversible impact on local communities, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), decimating precious carbon stores which the National Forests have taken centuries to sequester, threatening the diverse wildlife, fragile salmon runs, and the purity of the waterways.

Your mission: To “CARE FOR LAND AND SERVE PEOPLE, …Advocating a conservation ethic in promoting the health, productivity, diversity, and beauty of forests and associated lands”…

Thank you for protecting and defending this sacred landscape, ensuring that every choice matters for our grandchildren, and their grandchildren to come.

If not now then when, if not you, then who?

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Tarini Bauliya

Former resident and friend of the Nooksack.