As a 40 year resident of Whatcom County, an avid hiker in the North Cascades, and a person deeply alarmed by the tragic global warming our planet is already experiencing, I am strongly opposed to the proposal to log nearly 3 square miles of forest in Thompson Creek and Canyon Creek drainages near Glacier, tributaries of our vital and treasured North Fork of the Nooksack River.

The size of the area proposed for clear cutting is nearly 3 square miles. To claim that this logging would then result in an improvement in the quality of these particular forest stands, creating the characteristics of an old growth forest suitable for protection of endangered species, specifically the Marbled Murrelet and Spotted Owls is a fatuous claim. To leave these current heathy forest stands to mature naturally, where 60 year old dominant trees have already formed a canopy is the quickest and surest route to vital old growth habitat and carbon sequestration, not a denuded forest.

Ann Eissinger, a wildlife biologist, commented in regard to this proposal, “That watershed has already suffered extreme impacts from logging these unstable slopes and there is no reason to repeat that again!”

. I ask that the MBSNF undertakes a thorough EIS of this proposal. We must not return to the forest practices of 30 years ago.