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Comments:

The Skagit Conservation District supports the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest proposal to thin timber stands within the Finney Adaptive Management Area (AMA). We believe this is a good first step, but the proposal should include all species at all life stages and include early seral development stages and the species requiring this habitat type.

The research provided by J. Franklin and N. Johnson "A Restoration Framework for Federal Forests in the Pacific Northwest," published in the Journal of Forestry, December 2012 should be used as the proposed forest restoration strategy for moist forest sites (Westside). This research is backed by 79 research publications and provides an acceptable pathway to produce ecological and economic benefits from the forest.