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Comments: This project is not about vegetation management, it is about destroying our forests and river habitats for generations to come. My husband and I own a 15 acre organic farm along the North fork of the Nooksack river. For months now every morning at 6 am the chain saws start buzzing and the logging trucks start barreling down the road, we have been unable to walk along the road or bicycle for fear of being run down by the logging trucks.

For the first time ever, bears have been seen raiding our trashcans, their habitats destroyed,. They are hungry and there's no food down here yet, we usually don't see them until the fall fruit starts to ripen. This will destroy the river for salmon spawning as the river will be flooded with slash and silt and more runoff without the forest to catch the water.

Plus our National Forests belong to the people, not to the greedy people who want to make a profit. They don't live here. They don't love it here. We appreciate the jobs that responsible logging brings to the area and the 85 billion dollars a year brought into the economy through outdoor recreation....this destroys whole areas that will not return in our lifetimes, if ever.

The salmon spawning is already in jeopardy due to climatic changes (warming oceans, etc). Back in the early 1900s, hundreds of thousands of naturally spawning salmon and steelhead could be found in Puget Sound each year. Today there are only tens of thousands. This is an alarming change, for our environment and local economy.

We must protect the river!!!!!!!