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Comments: To Whom It May Concern;

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is home to a plethora of species native to the PNW and is an important habitat for endangered species, like the salmon that call the Nooksack River home. Due to the huge scale of logging proposed and the negative impacts it will have on species habitat and the local community, I ask that there be a completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). It is incredibly important that we know how this proposed project will affect our native ecosystem. Cutting down native trees will negatively impact our already warming climate. The forest can help to mitigate climate change by allowing the natural ecosystem to function. Natural carbon capture the forest provides is one of its most important functions to humans and species health and would be detrimental if cut down. Defacing the forest for profit is not in the interest of the community. This is the forest we all enjoy, taking that away from the community would be detrimental to our physical and mental health. Please rethink your actions. I understand our country relies on timber, but this does not mean we should be cutting into mature forests for profits. There are other, more sustainable ways to produce lumber. Please do not open our beautiful backyard to corporate greed and disinvestment. They will take what they need and leave. It's how our corporate system works. Be the change you want to see in our country and around the world.

Regards,

Kassie