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As a 40 year resident of Whatcom County, an avid hiker in the North Cascades, and a person deeply alarmed by the peril of global warming, I am strongly opposed to the proposal to log nearly 3 sq.miles of forest in the Thompson Creek and Canyon Creek drainages, tributaries of our treasured North Fork Nooksack River system.

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 the Marbled Murrelet and Spotted Owls is a fatuous claim. To instead leave these currently healthy stands to mature naturally, where 60 year old dominant trees have already formed a canopy is the quickest and surest way 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 those 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.