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Comments: Hi, my name is Azriel and I consider Bellingham and surrounding areas to be my home. This project is incredibly disturbing to me, as it disregards the importance of forestry along the river. I urge the USFS to conduct an EIS and not choose Alternative 1. The ecosystem along the Nooksack river provides a home to wildlife, helps with flooding from spring snow melt, and protects organisms from direct light. The act of clear cutting 1800 acres would be the destruction of important buffer zones which reduce the severity of flooding by absorbing and holding water within the living root systems. Clear cutting is also an immediate removal of forest canopy, which destroys the habitat for many rainforest-dependent insects and bacteria, which are often an undervalued part of the ecosystem. Please choose alternative 2 and protect the Nooksack watershed.