

Dear District Ranger Uloth,

I am happy to hear that the comments submitted this last summer regarding the Mount Baker Ranger District proposal to massively cut the upper North Fork Nooksack basin, have warranted an alternative management plan. I am really hoping alternative 2, along with an Environmental Impact Statement gets implemented so that there is minimal impact on the Canyon Creek Watershed and surrounding areas.

Having lived in the South Fork Valley of the Nooksack river for over twenty years, I have seen first hand the impacts and dangers of mudslides around clear cuts. It can be devastating to communities. Also, the sediment runoff from these clear cuts into the watershed impact already threatened runs of salmon and disrupts the hydrologic cycle (too much water in the winters and too little water in the summers).

Please consider these important impacts that we already know can, and will happen with clear cutting. We live and recreate in such a beautiful, unique area, let's keep it thriving here for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

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