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Comments: The North fork of the Nooksack River is a beautiful area of steep hillsides and dark forests. The river is already at risk to the longer summer months and warmer temperatures in the shoulder seasons.

The salmon that use this river to propagate need cool temperatures to survive. Removing the trees will cause a degradation of conditions needed for the salmon, thus sacrificing one self sustaining economy for one that is not.

The fisherman that are supported by the salmon population need more wild areas, not fewer. From commercial fishing, to tribal fishing, to sports fishing. All will end with this short sighted plan to log the area.

The river will be subject to more flooding costing the community that will have to deal with it long after the logging companies have pulled up stakes and moved on. Farmers, landowners, home owners and businesses will suffer from these floods and reduced stream flows in the summer months.

The flora of the area, from the mycelium and mushrooms to the fruiting plants, the mosses and lichen, and other soil building plants make this an area rich in diversity all require the canopy of the forests and will be lost for generations if this area is logged, especially on the scale that is being proposed.

The aesthetic beauty of this area creates a place where many play and visit throughout the year. It is one of the perks of living in this area and one of the main reason people move here and make their home here. I personally visit here weekly throughout the year.

The loss of forest will also make the area prone to slides and mud-flows that will become part of the burden of the local communities that rely on the roads to get to jobs in the surrounding towns and cities.