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Comments: To propose such extreme increases of logging, especially clearcutting, goes against the good of the people of Whatcom county, Washington State, and the planet. The forests of the North Cascades can sequester huge amounts of carbon and help slow climate change. We are already seeing impacts in the form of drought and ocean acidification, so to propose action that would accelerate the issue is unconscionable. These global issues are also taking a toll on salmon. The demolition of a dam on the Nooksack is a start to opening habitat that may help bring the return of profitable runs, but it will all be for not if that habitat is destroyed through excessive logging. Trading potential long term economic strength and cultural importance of having salmon run for short term timber profits is not a winning philosophy for the community. Additionally, the North Cascades are renowned for its natural beauty. North Cascades National Park can surely be a testament to the wonder of the area. But there are places beloved by Washingtonians outside the boundaries of the park and they too should be protected and preserved for the enjoyment of all.