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Comments: To whom it may concern,

There are proposed actions in this project that are troubling, specifically the commercial thinning. In the Land Management Allocations section, 5B for the N. Fork Nooksack it says "Under this allocation, evidence of timber harvest should not be noticeable from the river and lands appear natural when viewed from riverbanks." This does not make me confident that it won't be noticeable and mar the landscape.

The North Cascades are an absolute jewel in WA - people come from all over to hike, climb, backpack, boat, etc. Extensive logging can't be undone.

Other comments:

-Due to the huge scale of proposed logging in this proposal, its radical departure from previous Forest Service management direction, its controversial nature, and negative impacts on local communities, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must first be completed.

- The Forest Service must fully weigh the importance of this National Forest for reducing the existential dangers of climate change to both our regional ecosystems and human communities. Logging these forests defeats their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come.

- In the face of extensive and ongoing clearcutting operations on private and state timberlands nearby, the Forest Service must prioritize allowing our National Forest to mature naturally for carbon capture, clean water, sensitive wildlife habitat, and compatible recreation.

Thank you.