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Comments: I am writing with concerns about the proposed forest project #58218. Large scale clear cutting and commercial thinning projects will have dire consequences on the critical salmon habitat of the North Fork Nooksack watershed. Timber stands in the region along hwy 542 hold potential nesting habitat for the threatened marbled murrelet. New roads fracture forest stands, allowing predators easier access to potential nesting sites. Additionally, they have the potential to bring in new invasive flora into the area, in addition to allowing an increase of traffic into the habitat.

I think this project would be extremely detrimental to the watershed ecosystem and should be reconsidered.