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Comments: Not sure where to start.... I love this area, one of the main reasons we live here. The natural forest, clean air and all the activities available in these areas. When considering logging and thinning, it can open up more problems than what simple things it tries to solve. Opening up the forest, brings many problems, larger danger of forest fires from fuel load increase from underbrush growth. Less habitat for wildlife and movement of wild into more urban areas, and more negative human interaction with wildlife. Less "filters" aka trees for clean air. More possibility of land slides, which happens in this general area regularly. More blowdowns since the standing trees are not ready for the exposure they'll see. It adds more logging traffic to an already busy roadway, Mt. Baker hwy, and causing more danger to the public. Also more temporary roadways for people to access and bring non-native things deeper into the area, be it invasive plants or trash.

This is a huge natural recreation area. It brings so many people and activity/income to these communities, with less nature left and more truck traffic on the highways, then you'll get less and less people visiting. Which directly affects the communities in it. Also adding to the larger scale impact of less trees equals less clean air for everyone.

Please reconsider opening this area up to more logging.

Thanks,

Erik