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Comments: I am writing in opposition to the proposed logging in the North Fork of the Nooksack River. An operation of this size requires an EIS yet none has been mandated. The creation of new logging roads will increase erosion, encroachment by invasive weeds, and fragmentation of wildlife habitat. There is already substantial clear-cutting in the vicinity; more logging will destroy an important resource for carbon sequestration. More forests are needed, not fewer. Climate change is a real and present danger to human life and the environment, and any actions that can be taken (or not taken) to reduce its impact are crucial. Increased logging will affect water quality and salmon spawning habitat. Mt Baker - Snoqualmie Forest is an important recreation area for many in Western Washington and destruction of its beauty and utility affects local businesses as well as other aspects of tourism. Again, I urge a complete EIS before undertaking this short-sighted action.