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Comments: I am very opposed to your North Fork Nooksack logging plan. It is an entirely unnecessary project and will do great harm to the forests of the N Fk watershed.

Foresters do not know how to grow or manage forests better than unassisted Nature. Your "thinning" logging will undo decades of natural recovery and leave a remnant of a "forest" that will be totally unnatural. The Forest Service routinely ignores the well known, widespread problems of blowdown when stands are opened up unnaturally, exposing trees to the elements which had grown up mutually protecting each other in a stand. The Forest Service also ignores the soil compaction from driving big machines all around in ground yarding. The Forest Service also ignores the fast-spreading problem of thick, often impassable hemlock thickets springing up in the strange half-light following selective logging, or "thinning" as you call it.

I believe the real reason for this project is to keep a small handful of timber bureaucrats in jobs.

This is a terrible project. It will set back the N Fk Nooksack watershed for decades. Please drop it in its entirety.

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