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Comments: I oppose the proposed North Fork Nooksack logging proposal. The proposed logging is unnecessary, inappropriate, and harmful to the area and to the economy. This would be a large-scale logging project and at the very least should be subject to a full Environmental Impact Statement. In the face of horrible record-setting fire seasons and continued environmental degradation and destruction further loss of habitat and jeopardy of the North Fork Nooksack river is not acceptable. More logging roads increase ingress of invasive species and further increase the chance of forest fires. While the environmental damage of this proposal is clear, the economic impact is also negative. This are relies on tourism focused on outdoor activities for a substantial portion of jobs and income for many residents. Further logging discourages recreational visits and negatively impacts the nature of the Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest area. While logging companies will take home the revenue, local businesses will suffer. This is an ill-considered project which should not go forward.