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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose any commercial timber harvest - thinning, clearcut, or otherwise in the North Fork region. The town of Glacier and the greater Bellingham area depend upon a recreation economy, which is directly dependent upon these forested areas remaining as they are. I am opposed to improving or creating new roads specifically to support the transport of heavy equipment related to timber harvest, and am opposed to the creation of temporary road structure to support said equipment.

Widespread timber harvest is short-sighted and does not resonate with the individuals who call this corner of Washington their home, nor does it resonate with people visiting the region for its natural beauty. The recreation economy will far outlast our ability to capitalize off of timber, especially with so many individuals from Canada willing and able to spend their dollar in this part of Washington. Once those old forests are gone, so goes the enduring recreation economy.

Supporting wildlife habitat in certain regions is one thing, but clearcutting or thinning large swaths of forest under the guise of doing so is disingenuous. Please keep commercial timber harvest activities out of these regions.

Sincerely,

Adam Phaneuf