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Comments: I am very much opposed to the proposed clear cut around the North Fork of the Nooksack. This would be an extremely dangerous action. The trees support the network of life and support underground and above. Mudslides, the alteration of the river, the death and dispersal of wildlife would all be immediate problems. But the immediate is not the only concern. The climate crisis requires wise conservation of living systems that balance the health of living systems. Massive clearcut is in direct opposition to the health of all living things into the future.

This proposal would also destroy the beauty of this part of the state, a beauty that provides so much to people near and far. There is no substitute for the gifts this living forest brings to visitors and locals who share its beauty and soul nourishment. Our state would be greatly weakened without its health.