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Comments: I have lived in this area for over 30 years and have enjoyed mountain climbing, hiking, skiing, and trail running. The number one attraction to continue living here is the natural beauty and pristine ecosystems. That wildlife depends on these ecosystems is self-evident.

Over these 30+ years I have seen the gradual destruction of these natural environments through encroachment of housing developments and logging. The logging is the most destructive because of the clear-cutting methods being used without regard to topology, soil and rock types, and without regard to the destruction of natural pathways used by wildlife. Note: In many parts of Europe, clear-cutting is ILLEGAL. Why selective logging isn't the requirement in this country is no mystery. Profits continue to take priority over protection of our lands, water, and other natural resources. This has to stop.

This area, around the North fork of the Nooksack river, has some of the oldest and most pristine wilderness areas in Washington State. Clear-cutting this area would be a travesty and hugely injurious to the ecosystem. You cannot allow this to happen!

It is clear that the Trump administration is waging an all-out war against environmentalism. The funding cuts to the US Forest Service is the main driver behind this attempt to restore lost funding by selling-off our natural resources. This is a lose-lose approach that has only one final outcome - the complete loss of an ecosystem that we all depend on for quality of life. Ecosystem destruction is the primary cause of past civilization collapses. Have we learned nothing?

Please oppose and stop this reckless attempt to destroy our common heritage and deny our children their rightful inheritance!