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Comments: I visit the Mt Baker area multiple times per year, most times to the Heliotrope Ridge trailhead to climb the mountain, ice climb on the seracs or up Kolfax, or just to enjoy the quiet of the forest.

At first, the map of the proposed "vegetation management project" didn't make sense to me, as I couldn't see Mt. Baker due to it being obscured by the legend. I hope this was not deliberate. Once I figured out the proposed area, my heart sank. With so many less beautiful and less visited areas to harvest trees, why this area and why this area now?

We need natural resources, but we also need natural places. I'm opposed to the proposed plan and use of this area.