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Comments: It is an unwise idea to allow logging in the North Nooksack area of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Actually, it is stupid.

Currently private lands can provide the vast majority of timber for the consumption by the citizens of the United States. Public lands like those of a National Forest should be maintained for multiple use. Not simply as a source of income for timber companies looking for government subsidized handouts.

National forests are an important part of an entire ecosystem and study after study has shown that clear cutting creates runoff which has serious detrimental effects upon small and large waterways. The removal of forests (this includes more than the trees) displaces wildlife, removes repositories for carbon, and requires roads which introduce noxious invasive plants further disrupting the larger ecosystem.

I do not allow my tax dollars to be used in this way. Enough already. This is not a jobs program and should not be allowed to move forward.