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Comments: I spent 20 years of my life living and recreating in the greater Puget Sound area including in the Nooksack watershed. I have since moved to Colorado for work, but our grown children still live in the area and our son lives in Bellingham and frequently fishes, backpacks and climbs in the Nooksack watershed. As a result, I strongly oppose the proposed action for the following reasons among others.

- Due to the huge scale of proposed logging in this proposal, this is a dramatic departure from previous Forest Service management direction, it will have negative impacts on local recreation-based communities. If there ever was a case where a full an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required, this is one.

- I would implore The Forest Service to fully consider in the EIS the climate change impacts of this proposed action. Clearly removing these mature stands guts the carbon storage potential of this area.

- In the face of extensive and ongoing clear cutting operations on private and state timber lands nearby, the Forest Service must prioritize managing these stands for carbon capture, clean water, sensitive wildlife habitat, and compatible recreation.