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Comments: As a native born Washingtonian who has lived and hiked in Cascade Mountains most of my life, I'm very concerned and disturbed by the N Fork Nooksack logging proposal. There is simply no valid excuse for clearcutting our forests any more, economic or otherwise. Science has proven it's not healthy for maintaining forest health and ecosystem health.

Due to the huge scale of proposed logging in this proposal, its radical departure from previous Forest Service management direction, its controversial nature, and negative impacts on local communities, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must first be completed.

The Forest Service must fully weigh the importance of this National Forest for reducing the existential dangers of climate change to both our regional ecosystems and human communities. Logging these forests defeats their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come. This is critical to maintain, and to log as much as is proposed would be, in my informed opinion, ecologically criminal.

In the face of extensive and ongoing clearcutting operations on private and state timberlands nearby, the Forest Service must prioritize allowing our National Forest to mature naturally for carbon capture, clean water, sensitive wildlife habitat, and compatible recreation.

Please sideline this irresponsible proposal. The health of our already depleted forests and the looming climate change crisis requires us to not return to outdated, rapacious forest practices.