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Comments: As a long time commercial raft guide on the north fork of the Nooksack and s human being I am extremely opposed to the "vegetation management plan" that is currently being proposed I have seen first hand what this type of logging has done to the Nooksack valley.

The harm already created by "managed" forestry is too great to allow more destruction for very little return. The logging companies that will take advantage of this have proven over and over that profit is the only goal and all mitigation. And consideration will be lip service.

It is too late in the game to close our eyes and pretend it's the 1700's and the forests are endless profit centers fdrawing endless economic growth.

Logging the Nooksack again will:

Harm the salmon thus harming native people, fisherman, consumers, and the entire local ecosystem.

Further ecological degradation in a threatened, sensitive area.

Increase illegal destructive acts in the forest due to ease of access.

Harm local tourism which is the driving engine of the upper Nooksack.

Create very few jobs and very little viable timber.

I have watched as unscrupulous loggers have let millions of board feet go fallow on the slopes of the Nooksack. The private commercial logging of our shared heritage is an antiquated system that has failed us. We are now facing the death of our entire biome. Please take it seriously and do not allow short sighted, greedy liars to kill us all.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Popovich