Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/16/2020 6:44:21 PM First name: Jason Last name: Bourne Organization:

Title:

Comments: As a small scale structural engineer in Whatcom County, I am all for sustainable harvesting of timber. It is a fantastic building material. However, this kind of clear cutting and timber hogging is a selfish old way of the past. Please, this is our home. This is a place that so many of us have fought (with our time and money) for years to protect from the over-reaching arm of inconsiderate human expansion. This is where we and our children and our friends play and enjoy our incredibly beautiful and diverse part of the planet. We live as symbiotically with our surroundings as we can in every way. I have driven by a few places where this kind of forestry practice has been undertaken and it is so incredibly sad. The effects are much more far-reaching than most of us have any idea. We cherish the wild of our area and wish to keep it that way. Selective and sustainable logging is acceptable. Listen to the local timber experts who truly care about and love this land and all the biodiversity it supports. DO NOT listen to the ones who are out for maximum dollar and try to tell you it will all be fine and not hurt anything. PLEASE do not destroy acres of habitat leaving an ugly scar that takes generations to heal and displaces untold numbers of creatures from their home. Please. You do not want to start this fight.