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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express my opposition to commercial thinning and stand regeneration activities proposed in the NF nooksack vegetation management project. 1) The forest service should demonstrate that activity on the lands along wilderness boundary along NF-39 will not harm the ecological, recreation or wilderness value of the lands protected on the other side of the boundary. These lands are used for both on-trail and off-trail recreation. 2) I urge the forest service evaluate the impact that activity in lands on the north side of WA-542 may have on fragmenting wildlife habitat, introducing noxious weeds and other invasive species. 3) I urge the forest service to demonstrate that its purported goals to protect listed species cannot be accomplished through any less invasive procedure, given the comment 2. 4) The forest service should demonstrate that the economic benefits of harvesting these lands now will exceed the option value of leaving these trees to mature, given the current mix of tree sizes and types in the area.