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Comments: I am opposed to the extensive logging proposal submitted for the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest. The massive areas designated for commercial thinning or stand regeneration, commercial thinning and stand improvement are in an area that has already suffered from commercial logging damage causing excessive run off of soil and debris into Canyon Creek, and the North Fork Nooksack River. This has caused flooding in the past and endangers the community of Glacier Springs. It also endangers the spawning areas for the salmon. Canyon Creek road is an important area for recreation year round inviting many visitors to the area therefor sustaining our economy.

Also of concern is it appears extensive logging would take place on Glacier Creek, Deadhorse and Wells Creek Rd. All of these areas bring tourists, and recreational opportunities for visitors and residents alike. There are small areas of old growth forest along the Mt. Baker Hwy and these should also remain undisturbed.

The eco systems in these areas are thriving. They do not need intervention under the guise of "improving forest stand conditions". Instead of creating new roads for logging, the current roads should be maintained for the recreation opportunities for hiking, fishing, hunting and winter sports.

I believe an environmental impact statement is necessary to assess the extent of damage that would be caused to our forest, our communities, our local economy, the wildlife (including the elk and salmon), and our watershed and the North Fork Nooksack River. The extensive logging is also contributing to climate change which should also be considered.