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Comments: I value our natural resources, and also understand the importance of these resources to our economy. This proposal however, in the region of the north fork of the Nooksack river within the Mt Baker national forest, is a very important area to our community and for our tourism. This specific area marked on the map has some of the last easily accessed old growth forest in the entire county. There are many people who come to this area to appreciate the natural beauty, beautiful vegetation, and giant old growths that tell the history of this area. It would be devastating to see even some of this forest logged, especially for those who visit this magnificent place to see one of these giants for the first time. Logging has already massively impacted all forks of the Nooksack River, as an avid fisherman I see this constantly as the river blows out from one day of rain (south fork specifically). The entire ecosystem of the Nooksack valley heavily relies on what forest cover is left. The north fork Nooksack vegetation is crucial to the ecosystem and our economy in many more ways than it is for a profit. It should be no means ever be logged again.