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Comments: I support commercial logging timber sales for the North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project #58218. I've been cross country skiing, hunting, camping and hiking many times up the Canyon Creek Road and on West Church Mountain. I don't work or know anyone in the timber industry or USFS. I'd like to see heavy thinning and patch cuts to allow remaining trees to grow bigger from less competition. It'd be good to see thick, dense second growth forests thinned to allow light for shrubs and to encourage huckleberries and forage and cover for deer and grouse. Thinning will help more trees add diameter and be healthier thereby sequestering more CO2 in wood. Although the climate change difference between management and nothing will be next to nothing in the big picture. There's been very little logging on the MBSNF since 1990. It's good to see the USFS propose some modest timber management. Any logging should help pay for road maintenance. Poor road access and maintenance is a bad problem on the MBSNF. I'm glad to finally see some commercial timber coming off the MBSNF. This should help reduce imports of wood from Canada and give local timber workers and USFS staff employment. National forests were partly established to provide the nation with wood products. This contribution is just as valuable as ever. I'm certain environmental values will be protected given the strict guidelines and restrictions the USFS must adhere to. So much of the MBSNF off limits to any logging, it's good to see the MBSNF contribute to harvest levels former President Clinton promised with the Northwest Forest Plan.