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Comments: First off, I would like to start by saying I support the forestry, usda and related government affiliations. My Dad has worked for the department of the interior for over 45 years as a geophysicist, I have seen the bureaucracy issues that can affect projects and policies. All departments have worked hard with constant salary cuts, staffing cuts and general funding cuts. We are lucky to have people who care about the health of our resources and dedicate their lives to managing them. Thank you.

I think the general backlash that has been received from this project is all about optics and how the general public has learned about it. People have a widespread distrust of government run organizations and the benefit they bring to our society. Lots of resources in our country have been exploited, we currently see the negative effects on the health and well being of our environment. Many folks can't draw a distinctive line between a commercial logging company and the forestry department's land management, this is why a majority of locals automatically side with the groups that are anti-logging even though they don't understand the whole picture.

Personally I learned about this project through one of those organizations, the post that was put up by "The North Cascade Conservation Council" titled "North Fork Nooksak Threatened". I do believe that conservation is a great thing, but also understand the importance of managing resources for the general health and longevity of the ecosystem. When we look at how logging is portrayed in the commercial sense, we see lots of clear cuts in our region, general destruction of nature, loss of habitat, erosion, loss of a carbon sequestration resource, herbicides being sprayed and an exploitation of a local resource. The Forestry department needs to paint a clear distinctive picture to the public on why forest management is good and different from its commercial counterpart. Funding departments and workers that have dedicated their lives to the health and well being of the forest, infrastructure enhancements, resource enhancement, fire danger suppression, habitat restoration and other related benefits.

I believe that oversight and community involvement is important, especially if questions and concerns can be addressed and answered. It is obvious that the decision to harvest and log this area has not been made without thought, but from a personal standpoint I do have some questions and concerns that I would like information and answers to.

First concern: Herbicide and spraying after harvest. How often are areas sprayed after stand harvest, thinning and clear cutting? What chemicals are used? What negative effect does this have on the general ecosystem, i.e. water, animals and other plant life? What positive effect does it have on the recently logged area?

Second Concern: Erosion. The neighborhood that I live in, Glacier Springs, has been flooded in the past due to a year of record snowfall and erosion. Did the past logging of the proposed zone create the conditions to set off the Bald Mountain/Jim Creek landslide which blocked Canyon Creek and caused a flood that destroyed homes? If so what changes have been made to reduce the chance of a landslide happening again? After looking at the maps, it seems like logging would have somewhat of an effect on Jim Creek and Canyon Creek. Would the erosion and runoff affect the health of Canyon creek, i.e. potential sediment discharge effect on Salmon and other resident fish.

Third concern: Infrastructure. Will the proposed infrastructure enhancements be made before, during or after the logging commences? How much of the money made from this timber harvest goes directly into this local enhancements and upkeep? What benefit will they bring to access within the area?

I am looking forward to learning more about the proposed project so I can help advocate on the behalf of the Forest Department to other local residents and understand how the proposed project will help create a win/win

situation for the local population and this amazing local resource.

The Forestry Department is incredibly important and undervalued, a special thank you to everyone who has dedicated their profession to managing the land in our area, all of your jobs are important. Just know how much I appreciate the work that has been done to "care for our land and serve our people" in the past, present and future.

I appreciate being able to ask these questions, thank you for taking the time to view them.