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Comments: North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project

Dear District Ranger Uloth,

I would much rather see a well manage forest, than a timber box ready to burn thousands of acres. There is a way to actively support wild life, the forest, and the community by selective thinning. But just offering up land for logging also has to be accessible to loggers and not deep into no mans land where it's not cost effective to even log. I don't know that is the case here, but just saying. If we want these forests to flourish, we need to be more pro active in helping maintain a stable environment, for the forest and wildlife. All this included with the fact that it also provides jobs for the community, and helps to maintain roads in the area. In my eyes we should be doing this in all forest service lands, please make this happen!

This comment is to support the North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project and the plan to use various forest management tools to ensure a healthier and more resilient forest. In addition to providing timber to support our communities, this project will also make these public lands more accessible to all forest users. Vegetation management will support native plant and animal species who will benefit from the creation of both early-seral habitat and older mixed age and species forests.

Timber harvest and commercial thinning will help achieve the objectives of this project. Commercial activities will provide the funding necessary to fix deteriorating forest roads as well as to support non-commercial restoration work on the national forest. Generating revenue, improving access, and enhancing huckleberry production are positive steps the Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest can take in meeting its management goals.

Please move forward with this project, using the various forest management tools that are available to the Forest. This project will benefit all the various uses of our forests, benefit local communities and the various wildlife using the Forest.

Sincerely,

Eric Sykes