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Comments: My children and I camped and swam in the lakes in this area and are opposed to any extensive logging in the Mount Baker Forest Service Lands. These are public lands, not for commercial use.

The huge scale of this proposed logging is a radical departure from previous Forest Service management direction, its controversial nature, and negative impacts on local communities, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must first be completed.

The Forest Service must fully weigh the importance of this National Forest for reducing the existential dangers of climate change (sequestering carbon) to both our regional ecosystems and human communities. Logging these forests defeats their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come.

In the face of extensive and ongoing clear-cutting operations on private and state timberlands nearby, the Forest Service must prioritize allowing our National Forest to mature naturally for carbon capture, clean water, sensitive wildlife habitat, and compatible recreation.

Salmonid species re-locate their places of origin via scent. If there is extensive clear cutting they will be hindered by mud runoff and unable to smell their way back to their spawning grounds. This would take us backwards not forwards for improving the salmon population a vital food supply for the endangered Orca. Everything is connected!

The Forest Service must not construct new logging roads, including so-called "temporary" roads, which act as vectors for invasive weeds and human-caused abuses (including fires), while fragmenting habitat. Instead, the Forest Service should permanently close unneeded decaying roads. This helps wildlife persevere despite so much human encroachment.

I ask that you conduct a full EIS on this proposal and make it available to the public who's lands these belong to.

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