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Comments: The proposal to log portions in the area of the North Fork of the Nooksack is short sighted, to say the least. I grew up in SE Alaska, the daughter of a logger-turned pulp mill executive, where clear cuts were the de facto logging method and decimated vast tracts of forest, increasing erosion and leaving the obvious impacts on non-human species. Clear cuts leave devastating scars both visually and permanent negative impacts on wildlife. And even selective cutting leaves a permanent mark...road building in wilderness is like laying out the red carpet for invasive plant species, negatively impacts streams and therefore salmon habitat, and increases the likelihood of human and wildlife encounters that don't always end well for either. With the body of knowledge we now have on forests' ability to sequester carbon, it is illogical and unethical to consider allowing this proposal. Let's not go backwards with forest management, please. The USFS should protect and serve the FOREST.