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Comments: I am fully in support of logging not only this area near the North Fork, but additional areas in Washington. I have no ties to the forestry industry but personally see benefits to the logging. It brings industry back to the area which brings job opportunities. The biggest thing is it's benefit to the ecosystem. For too many years, there has been a push by environmentalists to stop the logging and clearing of the forests. Although, I hate to see old large growth trees destroyed and all completely removed, there is a need for forest health. The problem I have with the current program as a hunter and outdoorsman, is that the trees are planted back at a way to high of population for mass reharvest. This makes it difficult for man to traverse the land, and while wildlife will go through anything, it is still not ideal. This creates more of a mess than it does develope large healthy trees and an ecosystem. Another problem I have is the lack of responsibility in contracts. There are too many naturally downed trees and debris that is not removed creating fuel for forest fires. And the logging operation destroys the ground with sliders and excavators. They leave behind the stumps and undesired trees. In an effort to reestablish wildlife help, I feel there needs to be a clause in the contracts where the state and contractor are responsible for seeding down orchard-grass and native grasses for the deer and elk to feed on. The spraying of weeds only temporarily contains the weeds, by establishing grass and spacing new tree seedlings you provide feed and sun light for a healthy ecosystem and wildlife to return and feed. This will also potentially help with hoof rot disease.