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Comments: The preservation of the area near the North Fork Nooksack River in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is extremely important to me and I was very upset to learn that the US Forest Service is proposing to log it. I understand that the area proposed to be logged is much larger than the Forest Service normally logs. An Environmental Impact Statement needs to be completed to adequately address impact not just to the riparian area and the forest ecosystem, but also to the local communities.

Has the importance of the trees in helping to combat climate change been analyzed? How will logging this area impact outdoor recreation, especially during the Covid pandemic where outdoor recreation has become even more important? How will the logging impact water quality of the river and riparian wildlife habitat, especially as areas nearby have already been and continue to be logged? How will proposed new logging roads impact the area? New logging roads will add to human impacts as well as the possible introduction of invasive plant species.

I am firmly against logging in the area of the North Fork Nooksack River. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.