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I am vehemently against this project. I find it inconceivable that anyone with a smidgen of intelligence would suggest such a destructive, devastating proposal. In a time when our planet is literally dying around us from climate change, taking these trees is a slap in the face to humanity.

Having seen their beneficial aspects, people around the world are planting trees to help reduce the rise of CO.2. At the same time we here are cutting them by the thousands. For what purpose? Apparently someone stood beneath these trees and saw dollar signs. There cannot be a reason for cutting these trees that could surpass their beneficial effectiveness to the environment.

Beyond the gift of breathing, trees stand as a symbol to humanity for stability, strength and continuation. To see our forests reduced to a ravaged cemetery would be an assault on the collective psyche. When our present is riddled with stress, and our future tenuous, we need every positive sign that, like the trees, we can go on.

Please defeat this proposal. Thank you. Sincerely, ShirleyA. Cooper Resident, Whatcom County, 40 years.