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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the information so far provided to the public, and for your responsiveness to questions.

I support efforts to increase forest resilience in the face of climate change-related environmental changes and disturbance regimes, and to increase wildlife habitat quality. It is not clear that the proposal will accomplish those objectives. My major areas of anxiety have to do with possible increases in landslide risk and catastrophic impacts, and an apparent lack of focus on ecological sustainability and diversity in the face of a changing climate. My worries include the following:

1. Clearcuts causing earlier and more rapid snowmelt, as well as rain-on-snow melt events that could increase risk of debris flows and damage to streams, fans, and fish habitat.

2. Harvest, log haul, and new road construction effects on landslide and flood risk, soil erosion and sedimentation. I am really concerned about building a new segment of road across the Jim Cr landslide, although I support solving the existing road instability problem on FR 31.

3. Effects of harvest on low-flows in the Nooksack River, which are predicted to decrease even more in future. How will the project avoid further damage to low flows?

4. Habitat fragmentation in the lower-elevation mature forest areas. How does the project enhance wildlife habitat in these already fragmented areas? Why not decommission roads to improve wildlife habitat?

5. Is the early seral habitat you plan to produce via clearcutting sustainable, or will you be entering these stands on a continuous basis to maintain it?

6. It isn't evident that you understand the current conditions and future trajectory of the project environment. Are you really relying on 25-year old watershed analyses? Please demonstrate to us, the public, that you are up-to-date with current research on effects of harvest types and techniques on water, soil, fish and other wildlife, and how it applies to the project area. Please be specific and include details in publicly available support documents.

7. It's great to hear that you plan to replace the Thompson Cr bridge with a structure that provides for both longevity in a changing environment, and aquatic organism passage. Thank you.

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