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Comments: North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project

Dear District Ranger Uloth,

My family has a 70+ year history in the Nooksack Valley. I am a professional consulting forester and have experienced and contributed to sustainable forestry practices for over 50 years. I have seen the effects of active forest management and of neglect. I fully support the active management option for the North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project.

This comment is to support the North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project and the plan to use various forest management tools to ensure a healthier and more resilient forest. In addition to providing timber to support our communities, this project will also make these public lands more accessible to all forest users. Vegetation management will support native plant and animal species who will benefit from the creation of both early-seral habitat and older mixed age and species forests.

Timber harvest and commercial thinning will help achieve the objectives of this project. Commercial activities will provide the funding necessary to fix deteriorating forest roads as well as to support non-commercial restoration work on the national forest. Generating revenue, improving access, and enhancing huckleberry production are positive steps the Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest can take in meeting its management goals.

Please move forward with this project, using the various forest management tools that are available to the Forest. This project will benefit all the various uses of our forests, benefit local communities and the various wildlife using the Forest.

Sincerely,

Tom Hanson