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Comments: North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project

Dear District Ranger Uloth,

This action is long over due. I have worked in the North Fork area for almost 50 years and own property along the river. The lack over any serious active forest management in this area has been a terrible shame. The USFS needs to start doing more management before it is to late. This are could easily generate income so restoration work could be done on the roads and in the forest to make them healthy again and improve wildlife habitat.

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 Westergreen