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Comments: Please, please, please reject the proposal to open up the North Fork Nooksack for 'Vegetation Management' which is going to be irreversibly destructive for the immediate area, the fragile ecology and the wider environment all over the State of Washington and over North America and even the wider world. We know better than this. STOP before it is too late.

We need an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be completed before anything can be proposed. This will quickly claim this project is nonsense.

You must fully weigh the importance of this National Forest for reducing the existential dangers of climate change to both our regional ecosystems and human communities. Logging these forests defeats their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come. Human activity in densifying cities like Seattle is already destroying the environment and creating health issues among residents.

In the face of extensive and ongoing clearcutting operations on private and state timberlands nearby, the Forest Service must prioritize allowing our National Forest to mature naturally for carbon capture, clean water, sensitive wildlife habitat, and compatible recreation. Once destroyed, it takes decades or centuries to recover, if ever!

The Forest Service must not construct new logging roads, including so-called "temporary" roads, which act as vectors for invasive weeds and human-caused abuses (including fires), while fragmenting habitat. Instead, the Forest Service should permanently close unneeded decaying roads and allow nature to take back their habitat.

Please put sense over profit. Tell the Trump administration to wake up and stop destroying the USA for the short term benefit of a few, at the cost of the rest of the human race and all other life forms.

Thanks