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Comments: Thank you for allowing public comment regarding the proposed North Fork Nooksack management project #58218. I do have to say that this limited comment period is unprecedented for such a large project with significant environmental impact. I believe this is intentional to limit public comment. That said I wish to comment and be kept informed about any the decisions regarding this project.

A project of this size has not occurred in the North fork watershed since the 80's and the reasoning behind a timber cut of this size is only to support the logging industry, not improving the environment. While I agree thinning does have benefits to forest health, it needs to be done delicately not by clear cutting and by building new logging roads.

The cuts off Glacier creek road need to be scaled back significantly. This is a major access to the Mount Baker Wilderness and significant logging is inappropriate in along this route despite previous history of clear cutting. The mapping of the impact areas shows very large cuts in this area.

Along Canyon creek road, the access to damfino lakes and other recreation areas on Church Mtn will be impacted as well. As will the increased chance of significant run off into the Nooksack river as the cut areas nearly touch the rivers banks. You well know that this is a major spawning river for all species of endangered Salmon. Any increased silt run off into the river will impact salmon negatively and a violation of the endangered species act.

There has not been enough research into the impacts of this major project and I request that no permits are issued until a full EIS is completed on this project.

Thank you,
Charles Beebe