Data Submitted (UTC 11): 7/1/2020 3:44:28 AM First name: Heather Last name: Whitaker Organization: Title: Comments: Dear USFS,

I'm writing to request that you not clearcut nearly 2000 acres of forest in the foothills of Mt Baker. The proposed large-scale commercial thinning is also problematic. This is an area of great natural importance, beauty, and recreation. We need these forests to sequester carbon, to counterbalance climate change, and to protect local ecosystems. I'm worried that project #58218 will compromise water quality, be a conduit for invasive species, and destroy the stunning forest communities in our region. I'm an avid hike who can't imagine the level of devastation currently proposed. I urge you to protect the Nooksack waterways & amp; their tributaries by protecting these forests.

Thank you,

Heather Whitaker