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Comments: The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is a treasure for Washington and this country. Along with its natural beauty and home for myriad animals, it provides the much needed exchange of carbon dioxide and oxygen our planet requires if we who are on it are to survive. Short term profits for the very few should not be put above the common good for all. Please incorporate the following facts into your decision-making process, at the same time you each think about your own children and grandchildren, in light of the long-term consequences of your own decisions.

Due to the huge scale of proposed logging in this proposal, its radical departure from previous Forest Service management direction, its controversial nature, and negative impacts on local communities, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must first be completed.

- The Forest Service 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.

- 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.

- 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.