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Dear District Ranger Uloth,

Trees are a renewable resource. Where would all the TP hoarders be without trees? Everyday of our lives we use a paper product. Also logging is a matter of public safety. With more people moving into our area and wanting to explore the great outdoors, also comes more risk of accidental fires. Logging also supports many local families with a decent wage. There are not many family wage jobs left in Whatcom county. We need to hold on to all we can!

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,

Brittin Olson