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Comments: North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project

Dear District Ranger Uloth,

I have worked in the timber industry for my entire life and I am turning 60 this October...I can say undeniably that all the plants and animals do much better in a properly thinned forest as the sunlight can then reach the forest floor which activates the flora and fauna enabling all things to flourish. Also with a well balanced forest floor there is very little fuel for a forest fire to burn. Sincerely Marty

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,

Martin Reece