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Comments: North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project

Dear District Ranger Uloth,

The management of forest lands is very important to the health of the community as well as the forest. The money raised by timber helps with schools, law enforcement and roads. Which also means less taxes for everyone. I have owned my logging company for 27 years and have seen a huge improvement in environmental issues. From water quality to enhancing areas for all kinds of wildlife. We need to protect the forest but doing that takes management. Doing nothing is a detriment to all of us. We have a responsibility to ensure the forest lands for future generations. Without management and logging practices the forests will rot away or worse burn up. Along with communities. I fully support the projects to clean the national forests up and bring back the logging industry. It benefits all of us.

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,

Brad Gorum