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Comments: I would like to voice my strong opposition to the proposal of clear cutting nearly 1900 acres. This style of logging is old-school at best and greedy at worst. I've have lived in western Washington since 2012 and Bellingham since 2016. When I first started exploring the N. Fork Nooksack corridor after years of mainly recreating in the I90 and Highway 2 corridors, I was amazed at the quality of the forest. There is no where else in western Washington with such old forests and mature landscapes. There are many true old-growth trees remaining - frankly a non-renewable resource. Logging these areas continues the precedent, and ups the odds old forests will never return.

I would also like to voice my concerns with the deceptive language used in the proposal -- hiding clear-cut with "stand-harvest", "providing younger forest habitat" - as if this is the goal (as opposed to this simply being a direct result from clear cutting).

I support actions to improve overall forest health and resilience. I am concerned the actions proposed do not reflect these values. How will landslide risk be mitigated? Water quality be maintained? Fish species be protected? Will the money made from this project truly go to the community? Or will it just go to a larger forest service budget?

I encourage you to find ways to maintain our forests for our generation and the next. Please do not put the immediate monetary benefit of a large clear-cut over the long-term health of our forests.

Thank you for allowing public comment.