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Comments: I am writing on behalf of North Sound Trout Unlimited and its ~300 members to express our opposition to the North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project #58218 as currently proposed. North Sound Trout Unlimited is a non-profit coldwater fisheries enhancement organization with membership in Whatcom, Skagit and Island counties in Washington State. Our organization is particularly concerned with any logging activity within a riparian reserve, especially the 575 acres of proposed stand regeneration. Logging activity has been shown to negatively impact water quality for fish. The Nooksack river is home to all 5 species of pacific salmon including federally Endangered Species Act listed Chinook. We strongly encourage the department to reconsider certain aspects of this project.

Thank you for your time.