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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

This forest management proposal gives me serious concerns in the following areas:

* Slope assessment is needed for landslide risk and sediment loads during heavy periods of runoff. Both Glacier Creek and Canyon Creek are very steep and clear cutting could pose a real threat to life, property and efforts for salmon rehabilitation. Further assessments are needed. Beyond the assessment from the 1990's.

* Carbon sequestration will play a vital role going forward in efforts to quell the effects of global warming. These westerly forested regions in the North Cascades are less prone to bug infestation, forest fires and drought than other regions. Is the opportunity for holding these critical areas as a buffer for forest regeneration and habitat more helpful than commercial clear cutting?

* More forest service roads are not helpful in the long run. I was recently hiking in the Mt Josephine area on the South Fork of the Nooksack and the region was criss-crossed with abandoned roads in various states of disrepair. Not only does that lead to more erosion but makes it very difficult to hike through with many weeds that are non-native taking up the clear cut areas. Do we want this same fate to happen to the North Fork of the Nooksack? I'm not saying that is necessarily the outcome of the current plan but it is not clear enough in the project outline. I would like to see a more complete breakdown of these individual areas. With a list of real long-term benefits with this particular plan. There were originally concessions made under the old project title of NICE. Kick-back monies from the timber sale that were to go for environmental and recreational development. Where did that disappear to?

I urge you to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement. This is a vital region that has long-term repercussions for good or ill to many communities, businesses, visitors, endangered species as well as species that continue to thrive in the area. Please do not carry forward this project in the interest of short-term gains.

Sincerely,

Amanda Timeoni