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Comments: North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project

Dear District Ranger Uloth,

I want to encourage the USFS to have more active forest management to include dispersed, responsible timber harvesting while protecting water, wildlife, and recreational amenities. All of these forest values can be conserved while improving forest health/resiliency, wildlife habitat, and reducing wildfire risk. Appropriate forest management including harvesting will be a lasting legacy to future generations and provide income for forest asset enhancement now. Thank you.

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,

Aubrey Stargell