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Comments: North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project

Dear District Ranger Uloth,

The North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project would be very good for the communities in the Mt Baker Snoqualmie National Forest area. First and foremost, the risk of forest fires are greatly reduced with proper forest management. The resulting damage to homes and pollution of our air from out of control forest fires is something that should be avoided at all costs and proper forest management will significantly minimize this risk. Second, the project would support the local industry with continued employment and the sawmills that operate in the area, as well as the logging industry. Residuals from sawmill production are also used to generate Green Energy to power our local electric grid.

Thank you for considering this project as it is the right thing to do for the local communities!

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,

David Blanco