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Comments: Comments on North Fork Nooksack Project #58218.

Dear Mt. Baker District Ranger Uloth,

I'm writing to provide scoping comments for the North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project #58218.

I am opposed to the clearcutting. I do think that we should have access to the forest service roads, and should not be closing more of our forest roads every year. we also should have more maintenance on our forest service roads. me being a person that lives up here I depends on the fallen trees to collect firewood for my winter heat. I also depend on canyon creek road as an escape rout if there is a volcano, for the last year our escape rout has been closed even though we pay a huge chunk of road taxes.

this is very important for a large portion of your taxpayers and we should finally have a say what is going on in our section of this giant county. the population is larger in Bellingham but is the same county, so they vote on things that happen in my backyard without knowing anything about it.

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The North Fork Nooksack watershed contains vast old-growth forests with more than 1,700 acres of critical spotted owl habitat, the struggling remnant Nooksack elk herd, prime mountain goat habitat, and key wildlife corridors facilitating movement between the Forest, Wilderness areas and the larger transboundary area including wildlands in Canada. This designated Key 1 watershed also provides critical habitat for threatened fish species.

I strongly oppose the massive 1,900-acre clearcut around Canyon Creek that was recently proposed. Canyon Creek is an important North Fork Nooksack tributary known for floods and landslides, and is home to Endangered Species Act-listed Chinook salmon and steelhead as well as bull trout. Nearly the entire area proposed for clear-cutting is classified by scientists as high risk for landslides and erosion, and is therefore designated as a Riparian Reserve where timber harvest is prohibited. Rain on snow events in the recent past have caused extensive damage, costing millions to repair.

thank you for your time.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comments,

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