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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, speaking as a very frequent visitor, fisherman and volunteer in the area.

For starters, a clearcut in Canyon Creek is an awful idea. You must know the extraordinary runoff swings of that watershed, and how stressed the salmon populations are. Clearcutting would be devastating; I'm frankly aghast that it is being contemplated, especially in light of the already-degraded condition of that watershed. It's a setup for millions in additional future repairs - especially from landslides - after the logging trucks have vanished down the road.

I live in a wooden house; I understand that some degree of forest harvesting is required in the balancing act of human needs. Clearcutting that drainage is not a balanced decision. It's already a riparian reserve; timber harvest is prohibited. How can this be justified?

The North Fork watershed needs help; the Nooksack integrated project lays out the priority action. Remove roads, not trees. I and future generations of people who love the PNW will thank you.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comments,

Matthew Dunn