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Comments: Comments on North Fork Nooksack Project #58218.

Dear Mt. Baker District Ranger Uloth,

RE: scoping comments for the North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project #58218.

I support comprehensive restoration actions to improve forest health and ecological resilience in the North Fork Nooksack River watershed, including careful thinning of dense, young plantations to increase structural diversity, removing unnecessary roads, improving conditions for fish and wildlife, and enhancing recreation site access.

I am concerned about spotted owl habitat, the struggling remnant Nooksack elk herd, prime mountain goat habitat, and key wildlife corridors in Canada.

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.

Please reduce road densities that drive sediment delivery and flooding, improve large tree and old-growth habitat. These objectives, which align closely with the Nooksack Integrated Restoration and Enhancement Project, should be the priority actions for Canyon Creek and elsewhere in the Nooksack, not a massive clearcut.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comments,

Wendy Jackson