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Comments: Dear Forest Service--

he North Fork Nooksack river system and greater Mount Baker area are immensely important to me and my family. We hike, backpack, snowshoes, picnic and hunt mushrooms in the area. I have been in and around the Nooksack/Bellingham area since I was in elementary school in the 70's and both the mountain and the river are a big part of my life. I now live in Seattle, but my father and my family's farm are in Nooksack on Breckenridge Road.

PLEASE ABANDON YOUR PLAN TO LOG THIS AREA!!!!

At the very least, please do due diligence and conduct an EIS. I believe this will show that logging in this area would permanently damage this area. Proposed industrialization of the upper Nooksack for 15 years of logging will completely change the community's relationship with our own backyard, and so is exceptionally controversial.

Threatened species, including the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet, will be indisputably pushed ever closer to extinction as their forest is felled.

Logging will lay waste to a significant part of the best carbon capture potential this part of Washington has to offer, as identified in peer-reviewed research that the Forest Service has chosen to ignore.

The tributary of Canyon Creek, which would be butchered worst of all, is highly susceptible to massive slope failures via logging activities, endangering human dwellings and fish habitat restoration below.

Respectful recreation, more important than ever, will be directly impeded for many years to come.

Most importantly, this area produces oxygen that we breathe, and the nature provides endless health benefits to us.

PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY THIS PRECIOUS AREA OF IMMENSE RESOURCES FOR ALL OF US AND FUTURE GENERATIONS JUST FOR THE SHORT-TERM PROFIT OF A FEW!!!

Please be the stewards we believe you to be, and make a decision that shows you deserve our trust.

For future generations--

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