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Comments: The North Fork Nooksack river system and greater Mount Baker area are important to me for hiking/backpacking, study the area's natural history, and wildlife photography.

The Forest Service should either complete a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or drop their logging plan altogether. Why an EIS should be required:

15 years of logging in the Upper Nooksack will completely change the community's relationship with our own backyard. It is exceptionally controversial.

Threatened species, including the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet, will be 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 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 impeded for many years to come.

The Forest Service needs to be a better neighbor, and let the North Fork Nooksack basin remain the great green oasis it is today, well into our otherwise uncertain future.