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Comments: Hello, I am a resident of east Whatcom County and am familiar with the Canyon Creek watershed area and have hiked on many trails in and adjacent to Canyon Creek. In response to the proposal #58218 North Fork Vegetation Management Project I would like to urge the Forest Service to NOT adopt Proposal # 1 which includes clearcutting - this area is sensitive to clearcutting both from a vegetation standpoint and a wildlife standpoint. In the 21st century, we understand the need to preserve our forests for the health of the planet - it is time to move toward a more sustainable method of harvest as a way to address the challenges of climate change. There are methods to preserve forests for the sequestration of carbon while still using the forests as a resource for timber. DNR urgently needs to adapt new methods to preserve the water quality, salmon habitat, reduce erosion and slope instability.