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Comments: I am a Washington State resident concerned about our natural resources and the management of them.

I request that the USFS first conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), due to the magnitude of environmental impact this project would have on the watershed, salmon, and climate change. In addition, I request that the USFS do not adopt Alternative 1, or any other Alternative that involves clearcutting.

Clearcut-plantation forestry degrades water quality and destroys salmon habitat by increasing the rate of erosion and landslides. Clearcutting makes water move faster through the hydrologic system, which means there is too much water in the winters and too little water in the summers.

Mount Baker Ranger District should advance selective thinning rather than clearcutting to meet its ecological goals and responsibilities. The Canyon Creek Watershed has already been adversely impacted by logging, as clearly documented by the USFS Watershed Analysis for the basin.