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To Whom It May Concern,

I grew up in the northwest in a backpacking family. All my life I have been hiking, camping, Nordic skiing and snow-shoeing in the mountains of the region. In '89 we moved to Bellingham where we raised our family, so this project is of particular concern to us. For a variety of reason, but two in particular, I would like you to conduct an EIS, and NOT choose Alternative 1:

1) Clearcutting has a significant detrimental effect on Climate Change.

2) Clearcutting has a significant detrimental effect on Land Erosion

In this modern day and age, with the understanding we have of the environmental impacts, the forest service should not be clearcutting anywhere. Already the Canyon Creek Watershed has been adversely impacted by logging, and indicated by your own analysis*. Selective thinning, rather than clearcutting would be the wiser path for meeting your ecological goals and responsibilities.

Most of my adult life I have been a residential home builder. I'm more aware than most of the recent skyrocketing lumber prices. Those prices have been very tough on all of us. But it's the new reality. Necessity is the mother of invention. Let that reality settle in, and we'll find great, innovative alternative ways to build. We always have.

Surely by now you're aware that clear-cut 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. If you follow the science, and bear in mind the long-term effects of your options, Alternative 1 is short-sighted and irresponsible.

Thank You,

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*You Own Anaylysis: https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/113769_FSPLT3_5312722.pdf