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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Aidan Fenton and I am an avid outdoor adventurer. One of my favorite things to see when I am outdoors is wildlife: Birds, deer, insects, fish, and of course, trees. The wildlife which we all love and appreciate needs habitats and healthy ecosystems to survive. The clearcutting proposed by the North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management project would be devastating to the wildlife and the ecosystems they require. Instead, I urge you to perform an Environmental Impact Statement surveying the land for selective thinning instead of clearcutting. The Forest Service should NOT be clearcutting in the 21st century, its detrimental effects are well known and documented. The Canyon Creek Watershed has already been adversely impacted by logging, as clearly documented by the USFS Watershed Analysis for the basin. Clearcut-plantation forestry degrades water quality and destroys salmon habitats 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. Please consider alternatives to the proposed clearcutting in this watershed. We know how to do better, and certainly can.