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Comments: As a retired forester with 6 summers as a backcountry ranger in North Cascades National Park, and many more in Olympic National Park, I'm familiar with the Nooksack in a general way, but not specifically in the area proposed for management actions. After reading the comments of Conservation NW, I agree with their endorsement of Alternative 2. "Partial Retention" sounds like what I know as shelterwood, and is subject to extremely wide variables, which could be either beneficial or destructive, depending on the stands involved, and the politics coming down through the bureaucracy over the time of implementation. It is best avoided by the USFS, for those reasons. Should you like more details of why I endorse Alternative 2, you could read my book: Ski Trails and Wildlife - Toward Snow Country Restoration.