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Comments: Concerning North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project #58218. I have lived in the Nooksack watershed for about 40 years (now seasonally). In recent years the forests on State and private lands have been disappearing at a great rate. I was thankful that the National Forest had been unmolested for many years (though I remember when logging trucks were a hazard to driving in the National Forest). I cannot more forcefully say: NO MORE CLEARCUTTING. By now we all know that clearcutting destroys the ecosystem, wildlife habitat, the carbon sink that forests provide; destroys the microflora and increases erosion. There is no longer any excuse for clearcutting. Your term "Vegetation Management" is an excuse for further destruction of OUR natural resource. DO NOT DO IT. Furthermore, the upper Nooksack is a scenic corridor valuable to residents and visitors. DO NOT CLEARCUT.