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Comments: The part of this proposal called USDA Study of Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation in the North Cascade region says climate change will result in more flooding and damage to the extensive road system rendering it unmaintainable in the future. The Forest Service has spent vast resources on understanding how unmaintained roads contribute to damage to all aspects of the forest ecosystem so why on earth would it be a good idea to continue to put in more roads and keep so many of them active knowing that this, according to your own science, is unsustainable? Also your study shows that climate warming will cause reduced fish habitat from warming water temps, less tree growth, more stress on the fauna and flora systems causing more pests and invasive species. In spite of all that, why would it make sense to cut trees that are on their way to becoming old growth? Your study "North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Project and Wildlife effects Analysis" first statement says vegetation removal would result in negative impacts to wildlife species including spotted owl and marbled murrelet. It seems clear that forest activity like logging and road building will have detrimental effects on all forest The draft EIS claims a need to restore the forest by tree removal. I believe this is not true. Logging in a forest affects everything living in the forest and falling trees often damage the trees left standing. The best and most tested way to restore a forest is to let nature take its course and repair any human caused damage over time. Considering what lies ahead with climate change it's clear that it would be beneficial to allow all young forests to develop into old growth canopies supporting diverse ecosystems. 
The Forest Service claims a "need" to contribute to the local economy that sustains both local industry and the forest resource base. This is only a perceived need. Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest has not had a logging program since the early 1990s and we've done just fine. Matter of fact back in those years there was a lot of effort and money being spent trying to repair damage caused by the logging. Attempts at paving some of the heavier used logging roads like Canyon Ck to keep siltation down or repairing Canyon Ck bridge where it washed out Mt. Baker Highway are just two of the many examples of large expenses trying to repair damage caused by logging. This forest area sits on the edge of an urban area and should be left alone and allowed to slowly develop back to its original majesty. I believe it is in the best interests of everything to stop this whole unnecessary project.