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Comments: I urge the United States Forest Service to conduct a thorough EIS on its North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Forest Management Plan. I am a grateful and happy user of the forest in this area for recreational hiking and I am deeply concerned about the potential for devastating consequences of this management plan as written.

Most importantly, the USFS should NOT select Alternative 1 which allows for clearcutting as a "management" technique. There's nothing to manage if the forest is clearcut. This is an obsolete forest "management" tool which must be retired forever. We know how to thin forests to protect their health and also attain resources. Clearcutting causes erosion of the soil, degradation of rivers and streams, endangers salmon habitat, and contributes to worsening climate change.

Importantly, a thorough and complete EIS must be completed, to the satisfaction of the Lummi Nation which has requested it.