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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

I am Spencer Yaude and I am a lifelong Bellingham resident. I am also a student of geology and a salmon processor. I am against any clear-cutting on the Nooksack because tree removal ruins salmon habitat in multiple ways. Clear cutting loosens soil and causes rampant erosion. Soil that is currently held in place by tree roots will flow into the river during rainstorms, creating a silty environment not conducive to salmon passage. Soil loss in itself is incredibly destructive and hinders forest regrowth, and landslide risks are a hazard to human life. The removal of trees on river banks reduces shade and causes the stream to reach temperatures that stress and kill fish. Salmon are imperative to the the multifold ecosystems, economies, and cultures within this region.

I therefore urge that the first plan, which involves clear-cutting, be discarded, and the second plan, which does not involve clear cutting, be put forward.

Thank you,

Spencer Yaude