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Comments: I was born in Washington along the Nooksack River. It is a massive part of my life as well as those who live in the areas of Bellingham, Blaine, Burlington, and Mt. Vernon. We in the PNW take so much pride in our outdoors and the wilderness we still have here. We can't let that fade away, it is a part of what makes Washington Washington. If you decide to go forward with he plan to clear-cut the North Fork Nooksack you would be destroying a valuable piece of the PNW's culture.

I haven't even mentioned the other major issue. Aside from the impact on the community it would be detrimental to the ecosystem of the region. If the clear-cutting happens then the spawning salmon will not have valuable covering as they spawn. The river will not have trees to help slow the erosion process. By hurting the salmon you hurt every animal in the region. Most importantly you hurt the southern residential orcas. These orcas feed exclusively on fish and most predominantly salmon. By harming the salmon you harm the orcas by taking away their main food source.