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Comments: The Nooksack management project needs to leave out any old growth and fully mature multi-age stand from any thinning and other manipulation.

Dense stands, especially those of single age, single species would benefit from thinning and planting of a mixture of native tree and shrub species to increase diversity of habitats and species composition. The borders of such manipulated stands need to more sinuous and natural appearing, straight lines do not appear in nature, so avoid them in these scenic areas.

Fungal inhabitants of the stands also need to be considered, mycorrhizal species for their nutrient cycling benefits, decomposers for recycling, and pathogens that ensure variability within the forest. Fungi also provide a seasonal recreational benefit akin to wildlife watching.