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Comments: Hello,

My name is Kian Dye and I am writing to you today to urge you to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement before you begin your plan to clear cut the North Fork Nooksack River. I live in Bellingham, WA and the North Fork Nooksack river is a very special place to me. I love hiking, camping, and enjoying the amazing forests and rivers that are there and I am worried that the damage that would be done by your proposed project would be irreparable. Clearcutting contributes significantly to global climate change by getting rid of trees which naturally sequester carbon dioxide. The North Fork Nooksack river is also a spawning ground for native salmon species and your proposed plan would do incredible damage to the salmon habitats and the ecosystems that support them. Allowing clearcutting in this area will also cause the soil to be much more susceptible to erosion and landslides which can pollute the river and cause damage to the soil quality. I want the North Fork Nooksack River ecosystem to be around and healthy for many more generations of people, salmon, trees, and other species and I believe that going forward with your current plan would be extremely detrimental to this hope and would be shortsighted and irresponsible. We have a moral duty to be stewards of the land that we live on and I implore you to remember this as you decide what to do with this project. At the very least you can do an EIS, and I hope that in doing so you will decide to come up with a better proposal that will not endanger this amazing natural ecosystem.

Thank you,

Kian