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Comments: I am a long-time resident of Whatcom County, and am writing to urge you to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement prior to making any decisions about how to proceed with forest management in the area surrounding the North Fork of the Nooksack River. Clearcutting, or "regenerative harvests," should not be a part of the management plan in this area, as they would be detrimental to the watershed, lead to a loss of critical salmon habitat, and could encourage erosion and landslides. Given the potentially devastating, long-term consequences that could result, it is only prudent to move slowly and with an abundance of caution. An EIS is the appropriate next step.