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Comments: Dear District Ranger Uloth,

My name is Danielle Dwyer. I live in Bellingham, WA and I care deeply about the health of this bioregion. After learning about the Environment Assessment of the North Fork Nooksack Vegetation Management Project, I feel strongly opposed to Alternative 1. It is an irresponsible and unacceptable choice since it implements clearcutting. Clearcutting destroys our forests and is a practice that the U.S. Forest Service should no longer utilize under any circumstances in the 21st century. I believe that clearcutting should not be a part of the Nooksack Vegetation Management Project.

Here are some reasons why:

-We need to be planting more trees, not clearcutting trees and destroying soil. e need trees to breathe and healthy soil for the forests to thrive.

-Clearcutting negatively affects water quality and destroys salmon habitat. Salmon directly effect everything around us in this circle of life. Their population has already decreased over the last decade and we need them. Our health depends on the salmon people.

-Clearcutting negatively impacts summer and winter river flow: studies show that clearcutting often results in a severely decreased river water flow in summer months and increased flow in the winter. This could contribute to landslides and flooding in the winter, and reduced water supply and diminished fish habitat in the summer.

-The Land in this Vegetation Management Project is the home to man protected species such as the marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl, and Puget Sound salmon. We need to make plans that will improve habitat for these vulnerable species, not destroy it.

Please make the right decision that protects the lives of the people, trees, rivers, and vulnerable animals that live in the Nooksack River watershed. Put an end to clearcutting and do not choose Alternative 1 for this Management Project.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comments,
Danielle Dwyer