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Comments: I am adamantly opposed to clear cutting in the Nooksack watershed. It will inevitably result in erosion of the slopes above the streams and tributaries, which in turn will cause silting and deposition of debris in the water courses themselves, causing damage to spawning grounds and the habitat of benthic macro organisms on which the resident fish depend for food. There are alternatives to clear cutting that will still allow a reasonable harvest of timber, and I feel strongly that they should be the first options to be considered.

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