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Comments: I am writing to adamantly request that the USFS conduct an EIS on not choose Alternative 1, clearcutting! I am a student from Western Washington University as well as an Eco-versity studying permaculture, and a 5th generation child of the coast Salish region; I demand that the USFS please consider the systemic effects of clearcutting; clearcutting is disastrous for such an environment as this, and ignores the First Nations treaty rights. Clearcutting this region would be deplorable, instantly and longterm. The devastation of the watershed, a water feature necessary for salmon survival and welfare, sustainable prevention of erosion/landlsides, can not be seen as trivial, as this will impact our entire region, eventually, as will all our actions, we must be considerate of the delicate systems we mess with as humans, and for what motives? How can we clear-cut this region, knowing what we know about climate change, and how crisis arises from malicious systemic defects, such as clearcutting, that dominos into microcosmic devastation as well as microcosmic destruction? Clearcutting is never the answer, because it only serves a single purpose instead of considering the importance of the whole! As humans, We have infinite creative potential and creative alternatives to meet our needs. As I study Permaculture and climate change, it becomes more and more clear that there are solutions and alternatives to meet out needs, but people must choose to enact those better choices. Please consider alternative solutions, our earth needs you to, I need you to. I am a 23-year-old woman who grew up camping along nooksack, with family, church, and friends as I got older. I is sacred to me and many others. I would like to take my future children to camp along the Nooksack, hear eagles cry and know that the land is safe, as I believed when I was a child, and allow them to marvel in the natural abundance and flow of such an interconnected wild space, place, resource. please consider that what you take from the earth, you take from all of us, including yourself. Please, preserve this delicate resource.