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Comments: The North Fork Nooksack river system and greater Mount Baker area are so very important to me. As a lifelong county resident, for many decades I've hiked, camped and back country skied in our forest complex. These lands are sacred to me and require our most prudent and informed stewardship.

Please drop the logging plan. The controversial industrialization of the upper Nooksack with logging will completely change our community's relationship with these lands. Threatened species will be indisputably pushed ever closer to extinction as their forest is felled. The logging will lay waste to a significant part of the best carbon capture potential this part of Washington has to offer. Please do not ignore the peer-reviewed research you have. And you must not ignore that the tributary of Canyon Creek is highly susceptible to massive slope failures with planned logging activities, endangering human dwellings and fish habitat restoration below.