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The public depends on the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest for carbon sequestration, a reliable supply of clean water, habitat for vulnerable species, and compatible recreation. This new proposal utterly fails on all points.

The Forest Service must stop acting like a bad neighbor. It must cease being a direct threat to the wellbeing of our region's downstream communities, faced as we are now with devastating heat waves, biblical-scale flooding events, and mass extinction.

The Forest Service must develop an action alternative that prioritizes leaving maturing trees standing to function as a desperately needed carbon sink, along with permanently removing all but the main forest roads for restoration of watershed health and migration corridors for native fish and wildlife.

The Forest Service must jettison "conditions-based management," which allows it to improvise new extraction activities such as logging after the public involvement window for the project has closed. Without direct public oversight of Forest Service actions, this is an open door to government malfeasance.

Recreation planning in the North Fork Stillaguamish must have a more equitable focus. Rather than catering exclusively to those who can afford a pricey mountain bike or quarter horse, opportunities for economical, low-impact access for the millions of diverse Washingtonians of lesser means should be the priority.