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Comments: North Cascades Conservation Council (NCCC) generally supports the proposal to decommission the Bagley dam for attainment of a more natural hydrology in the significantly degraded upper basin of Bagley Creek. However, we do have two particular concerns which need to be addressed in the project's documentation and subsequent implementation:

1. How will the introduced eastern brook trout population, which to this point has been quarantined above the dam, be prevented from migrating downstream and reproducing in the larger watershed of the North Fork Nooksack River, thus potentially affecting native resident fish populations there? This must not be allowed to occur. We advise pursuing a strategy to collect and dispose of all the eastern brook trout, while avoiding the use of rotenone, as Bagley Creek's natural flow here is restored.
2. The Mount Baker North Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA) boundary is approximately 150 linear feet west of the project area. What safeguards during implementation of this project will be established to preclude any and all possible forms of degradation to the adjacent IRA?