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Comments: The Forest Service should not approve FWT in the Snoqualmie-Mt. Baker National Forest, because of endangered and sensitive species, and logging could accelerate erosion and sedimentation in rivers vital for salmon runs; furthermore, nearby communities already face increased wildfire smoke and road closures from ongoing projects, and proceeding now without exhaustive, transparent environmental review and meaningful tribal and public consultation would undermine local trust and adaptive, science-based land stewardship. Logging and roads lead to more fires as is well documented.

Thinning in moderate temperate forests in Western WA face increased wildfire with thinning that would be done by logging companies. Logging needs to stay with forests that are plantation based. The Forest Service needs to be looking into the future for plantations that will withstand higher temperatures and grow fast (bamboo and alder) .

Recreation in the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest is a primary driver for people locating in the NW. The economy is enhanced with this recreation. I say find ways to help logging companies change their business model and focus on private plantations.