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Comments: We are longtime Washington State residents and advocate for native trees and habitat stewardship and restoration. Along with my husband, we support conservation and appropriate use by people, for their enjoyment and health. With all due respect, we do not believe that this proposed project embraces these shared goals by our populace who live, work and recreate here.

The "thinning" proposed will result in logging over a vast but loosely defined area. This has never been done before in this Forest, which is already home to diverse trees and habitat for threatened and healthy native species, some of the supposed goals of this USFS proposal.

The Environmental Assessment specifically lists supporting the local timber industry as a reason for thinning, without mentioning fuel reduction as a goal to reduce out-of-control forest fire risks.

Please do not continue with this project without first doing an EIS. Selective thinning needs to be targeted, studied and reviewed, not sanctioned with broad-scaped handwaving.

Mount Baker-Snoqualmie covers 1.72 million acres of Washington's Cascade Range, continuously for 140 miles across parts of five counties and ending at the northern edge of Mount Rainier National Park. It contains more than 50 campgrounds, over 1,500 miles of trails and some of the most remote wild spaces in the Pacific Northwest. It is a jewel for our State and has been managed sustainably for decades.

We already have a Northwest Forest Plan - let's keep to that until and unless there is an fair and reasonable EIS completed for a new plan, with all due oversight.