

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** William and Patsey Blunt

**Address:** 30714 Lyman Hamilton Highway  
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

**File No:** C/UTRO/S#15-2008

**Request:** To transfer approximately 56.19 acres to the Current Use Open Space Program.

**Location:** Southwest of Prevedal Road, within a portion of SE1/4 Sec. 7, T35N, R6E, W.M.

**Assessor's Nos:** P40810, P40812, P117904

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 25, 2009.

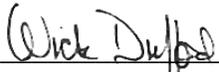
**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

1. William and Patsey Blunt request the transfer of 56.19 acres from Classified Forest to the Current Use Open Space Program. The applicant owns the property.
2. The property is located southwest of Prevedal Road within a portion of SE1/4, Sec. 7, T35N, R6E, W.M.
3. Childs Creek and two unnamed tributaries transit the property. Protected Critical Areas have been created on either side of these streams. The land proposed for open space is diverse terrain of mostly steep slopes on the sides of Childs Creek and its branches. It is forested and reported to serve as excellent elk habitat.
4. The applicants seek to continue the stream protection and enhance the open space habitat.
5. The reclassification will conserve and enhance natural resources, protect streams, promote soil conservation, enhance recreation, enhance the value to the public of abutting forest land, and preserve visual quality along the road corridor.
6. The proposed open space use appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020.
7. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
8. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
9. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
10. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: March 11, 2009

Copies transmitted to Applicants: March 11, 2009