

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** Kask Properties LLC

**Address:** 1215 S. 2nd  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**File No:** C/U08-2009

**Request:** To include 20.03 acres in the Current Use Timber Program

**Location:** 26226 Lake Cavanaugh Road, being Tracts 3 and 4 of SP#88-79,  
within Sec. 21, T33N, R5E, W.M.

**Assessor's Nos:** P18183, P18184

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 24, 2010.

**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

1. Kask Properties LLC seeks to include 20.03 acres of land in the Current Use Timber Program. The applicant owns the property.

2. The property is located at 26226 Lake Cavanaugh Road, southeast of Big Lake. It is comprised of Tracts 3 and 4 for Short Plat 88-79, within Section 21, T33N, R5E, W.M.

3. The property contains two pie-shaped parcels which have been harvested several times in the past and currently feature red alder, western hemlock, black cottonwood and some remnant groups of western redcedar. The site slopes downwards from the southwest to the northeast.

4. The primary object is to rehabilitate the site and maintain the integrity of the stand of trees for recreation. This will provide for improved wildlife habitat. As the trees mature, the owner will assess the impact and benefit of small-scale harvest.

5. A small perennial stream bisects the property. In time the owner hopes to repair a damaged culvert and restore fish to the watercourse. Approximately 1.16 acres has been reserved on the property for a home site.

6. A Timber Management Plan was professionally prepared by Sara Jo Shepler. The Plan appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020 and RCW 84.34.041.

7. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are incorporated herein.

8. The hearing was held upon due notice. 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 subject to the following condition:

At the time of harvesting the applicant shall comply with the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources in regard to the harvesting of timber.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: March 1, 2010

Copies transmitted to Applicant: March 1, 2010