

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Judith Meadows
8642 Westerman Road
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

File No: C/U O/S F & A #04-2015

Request: To transfer 9.0 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation.

Location: Eastern Sedro Woolley on Westerman Road; within the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ except the south 208.6 feet of the East 208.6 feet, of Section 14, Township 35N, Range 4 East, W.M., Skagit County, Washington;

Parcel Nos: P36657, 124346, 36658

Public Hearing: After receiving the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on November 18, 2015. The Assessor's staff recommended approval.

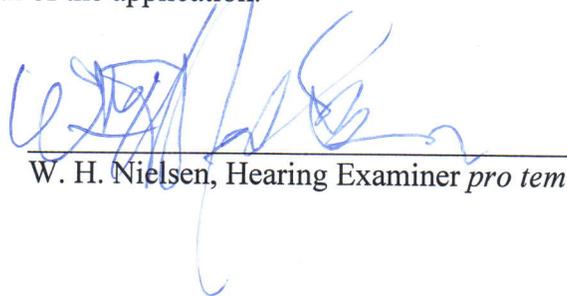
Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The application was filed by Judith J. Meadows.
2. The property consists of 9.0 acres described as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, except the south 208.6 feet of the east 208.6 feet, of Sec 14, T35N, R4E, W.M., Skagit County, Washington.
3. The request is to transfer from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation. In the past the property was commercially farmed by a variety of local farmers. Crops included corn, wheat, barley, rye, potatoes, peas and hay. Currently the property produces approximately 400-450 bales of local grass hay. The applicant wishes to keep the property available for future agricultural use but does not at this time meet the income requirement for farm and agricultural current use.
4. According to the assessor's office this type of scenario is exactly what this type of classification is for.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were not written comments received.
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the requirements of the classification sought.
7. The staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



W. H. Nielsen, Hearing Examiner *pro tem*

Date: December 1, 2015

Copies transmitted to Applicant: December 1, 2015