

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Double Creek Company, LLC

Address: 2218 Old Highway 99 South Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

File No: Current Use Timber #01-2013

Request: To include approximately 9.97 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: 401 Burlingame Road; Lot 2 of SP/CaRD PL06-0054; within the NW1/4SE1/4 Sec 22, T34N, R4E, W.M.

Assessor's Nos: P124370

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on September 25, 2013.

Recommendation/Date: Approval. October 8, 2013.

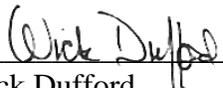
FINDINGS

1. On March 13, 2013, Double Creek Company, LLC filed an application for the inclusion of approximately 9.97 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. The applicant is the owner of the property.
2. The property is at 401 Burlingame Road, being Lot 2 of Short Plat PL06-0054. The property is within NW1/4SE1/4 Sec 22, T34N, R4E, W.M. The Parcel Number is P124370.
3. The parcel was logged in 2003 and has naturally re-seeded in Red Alder. The property includes a seasonal creek. Storm runoff sheets flows toward the road open ditch and is conveyed towards Nookachamps Creek.
4. The surrounding landscape is predominantly woodland with scattered residences. Heavily developed suburbs of Mount Vernon are about 1/4 mile away.
5. The applicant intends to manage the property so as to balance wildlife habitat protection and enhancement with long term income generation. Plans are to improve tree species diversity, focusing on more valuable timber species.
6. A Timber Management Plan meeting requirements was submitted with the application.
7. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
8. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
9. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application, subject to the following condition:

At such time as the applicant intends to harvest the timber on the property, the applicant shall comply with all requirements of the Department of Natural Resources under the Forest Practices Act for the harvesting of timber.



Wick Dufford

Dated: October 8, 2013

Copies transmitted to Applicants, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners