

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Douglas and Patty Steineke

Address: 29877 East Elk Run Drive
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

File No: C/UTMB #1-2005

Request: To include approximately 19 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: Bacus Hill area, Tract 38 in Sec. 12, T35N, R5E, W.M.

Assessor's Account No: Portion of P38894

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on July 27, 2005.

Recommendation: Approval

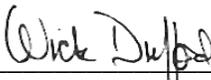
FINDINGS

1. Douglas and Patty Steineke have filed an application for inclusion of approximately 19 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. The applicants are owners of the property
2. The property is located in the Bacus Hill area, Tract 38 in Sec. 12, T35N, R5E, W.M. The parcel contains 20 acres with one acre excepted for a home site.
3. The applicants have submitted a Timber Management Plan prepared by a professional forester. The goal of the owners is to maintain the stand of trees for eventual harvest, providing for wildlife habitat, watershed management, and recreational activity in the interim.
4. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought. See RCW 84.34.020.
7. The Staff recommends, and the Examiner concurs with, the following condition:

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application, subject to the condition Set forth in Finding 7 above.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: August 23, 2005

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