

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Thomas and Sandra Browne

Address: 12310 Smokes Road
Arlington, WA 98223

File No: C/UTMB #10-2005

Request: To include approximately 21 acres in the Current Use Timber Program

Location: Portion of Lot 2-A of Survey AF#8105210004, Sec. 25, T33N, R4E, W.M., west of Lake McMurray.

Assessor's Account No: Portion of P17300

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on January 25, 2006.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. Thomas and Sandra Browne have filed an application for inclusion of approximately 21 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. They are the purchasers of the property

2. The property is located west of Lake McMurray, within a portion of Lot 2-A OF Survey AF#81052100004, in Sec. 25, T33N, R4E, W.M.

3. The applicants have submitted a Timber Management Plan prepared by a professional forester. The goal of the applicants is to maintain the stand of trees for eventual harvest.

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.

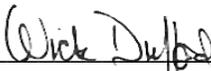
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought. See RCW 84.34.020.

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: February 9, 2006

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