

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Helen Lee

Address: 22404 Shady Lane
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

File No: C/U TMB#10-2007

Request: To include approximately 8.7 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: On Shady Lane, north and west of Amick Road, about two miles southwest of Big Lake, being a portion of Lot 7 of Short Plat 523-81 within Sec. 2, T33N, R4E., W.M.

Assessor's No: Portion of P16210

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 27, 2008.

Recommendation: Approval

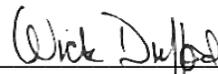
FINDINGS

1. Helen S. Lee (applicant) has filed an application for inclusion of approximately 8.67 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. She is the owner of the property.
2. The property is located about two miles southwest of Big Lake within a portion of Sec. 2, T33N, R4E, W.M. The property is a portion of Lot 7, Short Plat #523-81, and a part of P16210.
3. The parcel is 9.71 acres in size, but the applicant seeks to reserve 1.04 acres for a homesite.
4. There is a pure stand of Red Alder that is about 40 years old, and a stand of mixed conifers and hardwoods that is about 65 years old. Douglas-fir, Western hemlock and Western red cedar are the conifer species. The stands are mature and could be harvested at any time. The recommendation is to clear-cut when harvest occurs and replant with a mixture of Douglas-fir and Western red cedar.
5. A Forest Management Plan was prepared by Michalec and Associates, Inc. The plan appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020 and RCW 84.34.041.
6. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are incorporated herein.
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 the time of harvesting, the applicant shall comply with the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources in regard to the harvesting of timber.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: March 14, 2008

Copies transmitted to Applicant March 14, 2008