

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** Double Creek LLC

**Address:** Young-Soo Kim  
2218 Old Highway 99 S.  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**File No:** Current Use Timber App # 02-2011

**Request:** To include approximately 9.62 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

**Location:** 23274 Sundance Lane, Mount Vernon, west of West Big Lake Boulevard, within portions of Government Lots 4 and 5, Sec. 1, T33N, R4E, W.M.

**Assessor's Nos:** P16155, P16159

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 8, 2012.

**Recommendation:** Approval

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 20, 2011, Double Creek LLC filed an application for inclusion of approximately 9.62 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. Double Creek is the owner of the property.
2. The property is located 23274 Sundance Lane, Mount Vernon, west of West Big Lake Boulevard, within a portion of Government Lots 4 and 5, Sec. 1, T33N, R4E, W.M. Parcel Numbers are P16155 and 16159.
3. The property is hilly and sloped toward the east. It is mostly tree covered with the only development being the access road. The property is typical of the surrounding landscape, which is predominantly forest land, broken occasionally by house lots and wetland areas.
4. The site is timbered with fir and alder and provides wildlife habitat. An intermittent stream conducts stormwater runoff to the east. The property was selectively logged in 1993.
5. The management objective is to balance wildlife habitat protection and enhancement of long term income generation from timber. Harvesting will be designed to increase forest health, improve tree species and age class diversity, and focus growth on more valuable timber species.
6. A Timber Management Plan was prepared and submitted. The plan appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020 and RCW 84.34.041. The applicant has experience in managing timber land.
7. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are incorporated herein.
8. The hearing was held after due notice. There were no written comments. There was no public testimony.
9. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
10. 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 applicants shall comply with the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources in regard to the harvesting of timber.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: February 17, 2012

Copies transmitted to Applicants, Assessor's Office, County Commissioners: February 17, 2012