

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Alan and Darcy Hebert

Address: 17703 Ervine Lane
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

File No: Current Use Timber App #C/U TMB 06-2010

Request: To include approximately 16.92 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: SW1/4SE1/4 Sec. 34, T34N, R4E, W.M. South of Little Mountain Road.

Assessor's No: P29742

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on January 26, 2011.

Recommendation: Approval

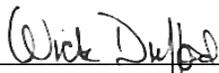
FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 28, 2010, Alan and Darcy Hebert filed an application for inclusion of approximately 16.92 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. They are the owners of the property.
2. The property is located south of Little Mountain Road, within SW1/4SE1/4 Sec. 34, T34N, R4E, W.M. The parcel number is P29742.
3. The property was acquired by the applicants on February 12, 1993.
4. The site is 100% timbered with a mature stand of western red cedar, red alder and western hemlock. The topography is flat to rolling. The slope averages 10 to 15%. There is a stream incised about 30 feet below the general level of the property.
5. The soil is a good growing site for Douglas fir and red alder. The plan is to manage the property for timber growth. Periodic harvests that avoid encroachment on the stream will be conducted to provide income. The timber on the site is merchantable at the present time.
6. A Timber Management Plan was prepared and submitted. The plan appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020 and RCW 84.34.041.
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. The applicants appeared at the hearing. There was no public testimony.
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 applicants shall comply with the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources in regard to the harvesting of timber.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: February 4, 2011

Copies transmitted to Applicants: February 4, 2011