

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: William and Patty Kaaland

Address: 23940 Old Day Creek Road
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

File No: C/UTRTMB#1-2006

Request: To include approximately 14.98 acres to the Current Use Open Space Program.

Location: Old Day Creek area, east of Highway 9, within a portion of SE1/4 Sec. 36, T35N, R4E, W.M.

Assessor's Account Nos: P38426 (Transfer from C/U Farm and Agriculture) and P124097 (Transfer from Designated Forest).

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on March 22, 2006.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

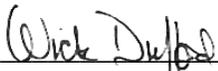
1. William and Patty Kaaland have filed an application for inclusion of approximately 14.98 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. They are purchasers of the property.
2. The property is in the Old Day Creek area, east of Highway 9, within a portion of the SE1/4, Sec. 36, T35N, R4E, W.M.
3. Two parcels are involved; both involve transfers from other programs. For P38426 the transfer is from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Timber. For P124097 the transfer is from Designated Forest to Current Use Timber.
4. A Timber Management Plan, prepared by a Certified Forester, has been submitted. The trees are a mixed stand of 65-year-old conifers and hardwood timber. Harvest may occur at any time. Reforestation in cedar and fir is planned for the first planting season after harvest with maintenance and thinning thereafter until harvest again after roughly another 60 years.
5. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
6. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.
7. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought. See RCW 84.34.020.
8. The Staff recommends approval and suggests 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 the harvesting of timber.

The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application, with the above condition.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: April 13, 2006

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