

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Duane and Patricia Gilliland

Address: 885 Keta Ave.
Burlington, WA 98233

File No: C/UTRTMB#1-2009

Request: To transfer 12.70 acres into the Current Use
Timber Program.

Location: East of Andal Road and southwest of State Route
9, Lots 1 & 4 of S/P#97-0001 within Sec. 26,
T34N, R4E, W.M.

Assessor's Nos: P112533 and P112535

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office,
the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on
April 22, 2009.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Duane and Patricia Gilliland have filed an application for the transfer of approximately 12.70 acres classified as Farm and Agricultural land into the Current Use Timber Program. They are the owners of the property.

2. The property is located east of Andal Road and southwest of State Route 9. It consists of Lots 1 & 4 of Short Plat #97-0001 within Sec. 26, T34N, R4E, W.M. The parcel numbers are P112533 and P112535.

3. Lot 1 is a mixed stand of thirty-to-forty-year-old Douglas fir, Western Hemlock, and Western Redcedar, with minor amount of Red Alder. This lot has some forested wetlands that will be protected.

4. Lot 4 has a ten-to-twenty-year-old Red Alder stand with patches of thirty-to forty-year-old Western Redcedar. Lot 4 also has wetlands that must be protected.

5. After some selective cutting in 1998, harvested areas were replanted. A Timber Management Plan has been submitted. The plan is to maintain the stocks until an appropriate time for harvest.

6. 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 attached hereto and incorporated herein.

8. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.

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.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: May 1, 2009