

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Amber Enterprises

Address: 398 Shallow Shore Drive
Bellingham, WA 98226

File No: C/UTRTMB#2-2006

Request: To include approximately 18.82 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: North of Highway 20, East of Baker River, near Concrete, within W1/2NE1/4NW1/4 Sec 11, T35N, R8E. W.M.

Assessor's No: P43777

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on October 25, 2006.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. Amber Enterprises has filed an application transfer approximately 18.82 acres from Classified Forest to the Current Use Timber Program. The applicant is the owner of the property.

2. The property is located north of Highway 20 and east of the Baker River, near Concrete. It is within the W1/2NE1/4NW1/4 Sec 11, T35N, R8E, W.M.

3. The applicant has submitted a Timber Management Plan prepared by a consulting forester. The goal is to allow the forest to grow and develop into a diverse stand of Douglas fir, hemlock, alder and maple for eventual harvest. At an appropriate time a commercial thinning will be conducted.

4. The Staff Report and exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.

6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought. See RCW 84.34.020.

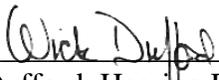
7. The Staff recommends approval with the following condition:

At such time as the applicant intends to harvest the timber on the property, it will be necessary for the applicant to comply with all requirements of the Department of Natural Resources in regard to a Forest Practice Application for harvesting of timber.

The Examiner concurs with the Staff's recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application, subject to the condition set forth in Finding 7 above.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: November 21, 2006

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