

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** Morris and Charlene Robinson

**Address:** 31445 Barben Road  
Sedro Woolley, WA 98274

**File No:** C/UTRTMB#3-2007

**Request:** To include approximately 10.13 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

**Location:** Portion of the SE 1/4 Sec. 29, T35N, R6E, W.M.; East of Potts Road in the Day Creek area.

**Assessor's No:** P42054

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on June 13, 2007.

**Recommendation:** Approval

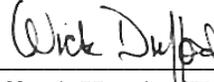
## FINDINGS

1. Morris and Charlene Robinson filed an application for inclusion of approximately 10.13 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. They are the owners of the property.
2. The property is located east of Potts Road in the Day Creek area. It is within a portion of the SE1/4 Sec. 29, T35N, R6E, W.M. The parcel is Assessor's Account Number P42054.
3. The request is to transfer the 10.13 acres from the Open Space Farm and Agriculture classification to Open Space Timber.
4. The topography is relatively flat. The parcel was used in the past for sheep grazing with occasional cattle grazing in recent years. The property is now well stocked with saw log size hardwoods and conifers. There are three stands: #1 predominantly mature Red Alder (5 acres); #2 predominantly conifers (4 acres); #3 an old pasture (one acre). The plan is to harvest the mature Red Alder where it occurs in all stands and leave the conifers and other hardwoods standing. Replanting will include mostly conifer species. No additional harvest is contemplated over the next 10 years.
5. A Forest Management Plan was prepared by the applicants under the supervision of John Keller, Forest Stewardship Coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources. The plan appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020 and RCW 84.34.041.
6. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are incorporated herein.
7. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
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 applicant 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: July 13, 2007

Copies transmitted to Applicant: July 13, 2007