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NOTICE OF CONTINUANCE

LAND CLASSIFIED AS CURRENT USE OR FOREST LAND
Chapter 84.34 and 84.33 Revised Code of Washington

Grantor(s) Jeffrey A. Armstrong and Betty R. Armstrong, husband and wife and Timothy R. Armstrong, an unmarried individual, as his separate estate
Grantee(s) Michael J. Crosson and Heidi Crosson, husband and wife
Legal Description

See Exhibit "A" attached

Part of sections 13 and 24, Twp 35, Rng 8
350813-0-016-0008/P43822 350813-0-017-0007/P43823 350824-0-001-0002/P44162
Assessor's Property Tax Parcel or Account Number 350824-0-016-0005/P44178
Reference Numbers of Documents Assigned or Released _____

If the new owner(s) of land that is classified as current use or designated as forest land wish to continue the classification or designation of this land, the new owner(s) must sign below. All new owners must sign. If the new owner(s) do(es) not desire to continue the classification or designation, all additional or compensating tax calculated pursuant to RCW 84.34.108 or RCW 84.33.140, shall be due and payable by the seller or transferor at the time of sale. To determine if the land qualifies to continue classification or designation, the county assessor may be consulted.

Name of New Owner(s) Michael J. Crosson
Heidi Crosson
Address P.O. Box 278
Concrete, WA 98237
Phone No. _____ Excise Tax No. _____
File No. _____ Levy Code _____
Date of Sale or Transfer _____ Date of Notice _____
Interest in Property: Fee Owner Contract Purchaser Other

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A. CLASSIFICATION UNDER CHAPTER 84.34 RCW. I/we request that this land retain the current use classification as Open Space Land, Farm and Agricultural Land, Timberland, and I am/we are aware of the following land use classifications;

1. OPEN SPACE LAND MEANS EITHER:

- a. any land area so designated by an official comprehensive land use plan adopted by any city or county and zoned accordingly; or
- b. any land area, the preservation of which in its present use would: (i) conserve and enhance natural or scenic resources; (ii) protect streams or water supply; (iii) promote conservation of soils, wetland, beaches, or tidal marshes; (iv) enhance the value to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries or other open space; (v) enhance recreation opportunities; (vi) preserve historic sites; (vii) preserve visual quality along highway, road, and street corridors or scenic vistas; or (viii) retain in its natural state tracts of land not less than one acre situated in an urban area and open to public use on such conditions as may be reasonably required by the legislative body granting the open space classification; or
- c. any land that meets the definition of farm and agricultural conservation land. "Farm and agricultural conservation land is either; (i) land that was previously classified as open space farm and agricultural land that no longer meets the criteria of farm and agricultural land, and that is reclassified as open space and under RCW 84.34.020(1); or (ii) land that is traditional farmland that is not classified under chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, that has not been irrevocably devoted to a use inconsistent with agricultural uses, and that has a high potential for returning to commercial agriculture.

2. FARM AND AGRICULTURAL LAND MEANS EITHER:

- a. any parcel of land or contiguous parcels of land in the same ownership of twenty or more acres: (i) devoted primarily to the production of livestock or agricultural commodities, for commercial purposes; or (ii) enrolled in the federal conservation reserve program or its successor administered by the United States department of agriculture; or (iii) other similar commercial activities as may be established by rule; or
- b. any parcel of land or contiguous parcels of land in the same ownership of at least five acres but less than twenty acres devoted primarily to agricultural uses which has produced a gross income equal to two hundred dollars or more per acre per year for three out of the five calendar years preceding the date of application for classification under chapter 84.34 RCW; or
- c. any parcel of land that is less than five acres devoted primarily to agricultural uses which has produced a gross income equal to fifteen hundred dollars or more per year for three out of the five calendar years preceding the date of application for classification under chapter 84.34 RCW; or
- d. any land on which the principal place of residence of the farm operator or owner of land or housing for employees is sited if the farm and agricultural land is classified pursuant to RCW 84.34.020 (e) if the residence or housing is on or contiguous to the classified parcel, and the use of the residence or housing is integral to the use of the classified land for agricultural purposes.

Agricultural land also includes (i) land on which appurtenances necessary for the production, preparation, or sale of commercial agricultural products are situated when the appurtenances are used in conjunction with the land(s) producing agricultural products, (ii) land incidentally used for an activity or enterprise that is compatible with commercial agricultural purposes as long as the incidental use does not exceed twenty percent of the classified land, and (iii) any noncontiguous parcels of land from one to five acres in size that constitutes an integral part of the commercial agricultural operations of a classified parcel of farm and agricultural land.



3. **TIMBER LAND MEANS** any parcel or contiguous parcels of land in the same ownership of five or more acres devoted primarily to the growing and harvesting of forest crops for commercial purposes. Timber land means the land only.

I/we declare that I am/we are aware of the liability of withdrawal or removal of this land from classification to the following extent:

1. If the owner has filed the proper notice of request to withdraw the classified land and the land has been classified for a minimum of ten years he/she shall pay an amount equal to the difference between the tax computed on the basis of "current use" and the tax computed on the basis of true and fair value plus interest at the same statutory rate charged on delinquent property taxes. The additional tax and interest shall be paid for the preceding seven years.
2. If land is removed from classification because of a change to a non-conforming use, land is removed prior to the minimum ten year period, or land is removed because the owner(s) failed to comply with the two year notice of withdrawal he/she shall be liable to pay the additional tax and interest described in 1 above plus a penalty of twenty percent of the additional tax and interest. The additional tax, interest, and penalty shall be paid for the preceding seven years.
3. The additional tax, interest, and/or penalty shall not be imposed if the withdrawal or removal from classification resulted solely from:
 - a. transfer to a government entity in exchange for other land located within the state of Washington;
 - b. a taking through the exercise of the power of eminent domain, or sale or transfer to an entity having the power of eminent domain in anticipation of the exercise of this power, said entity having manifested its intent in writing or by other official action;
 - c. a natural disaster such as a flood, windstorm, earthquake, or other calamity rather than by virtue of the act of the landowner changing the use of the classified land;
 - d. official action by an agency of the state of Washington or by the county or city within which the land is located that disallows the present classified use of the land;
 - e. transfer of land to a church when the land would qualify for exemption pursuant to RCW 84.36.020;
 - f. acquisition of property interests by a state or federal agency, county, city, town, metropolitan park district; metropolitan municipal corporation, nonprofit historic preservation corporation as defined in RCW 64.04.130, or nonprofit nature conservancy corporation or association as defined in RCW 84.34.250;
 - g. removal of classified farm and agricultural land on which the principal residence of the farm operator or owner or housing for employees;
 - h. removal of land from classification after enactment of a statutory exemption that qualifies the land for exemption and receipt of notice from the owner to remove the land from classification;
 - i. the creation, sale, or transfer of forestry riparian easements under RCW 76.13.120;
 - j. the creation, sale, or transfer of a fee interest or a conservation easement for the riparian open space program under RCW 76.09.040;
 - k. the sale or transfer of land within two years after the death of the owner of at least a fifty percent interest in the land if the land has been assessed and valued as designated forest land under chapter 84.33 RCW, or classified under this chapter 84.34 continuously since 1993;
 - l. the sale or transfer of land after the death of the owner of at least a fifty percent interest in the land if the land has been assessed and valued as designated forest land under chapter 84.33 RCW, or classified under this chapter 84.34 RCW continuously since 1993 and the sale or transfer takes place within two years after July 22, 2001, and the death of the owner occurred after January 1, 1991; or
 - m. the date of death shown on a death certificate is the date used.



B. CLASSIFICATION UNDER CHAPTER 84.33 RCW. I/we request that this land retains its designation as forest land and I am/we are aware of the following definition of forest land.

FOREST LAND is synonymous with designated forest land and means all contiguous land in the same ownership of at least twenty acres that is primarily devoted to and used for growing and harvesting timber and means the land only.

I/we declare that I am/we are aware of the liability of removal of this land from designated forest land and upon removal a compensating tax shall be imposed that shall be equal to the difference between the amount of tax last levied on the land as forest land and an amount equal to the new assessed valuation of the land multiplied by the dollar rate of the last levy extended against the land, multiplied by a number, not greater than nine, equal to the number of years the land was designated as forest land.

The compensating tax shall not be imposed if the removal of designation resulted solely from:

- a. transfer to a government entity in exchange for other forest land located within the state of Washington;
- b. a taking through the exercise of the power of eminent domain, or sale or transfer to an entity having the power of eminent domain in anticipation of the exercise of this power;
- c. a donation of fee title, development rights, or the right to harvest timber, to a government agency or organization qualified under RCW 84.34.210 and 64.04.130 for the purposes enumerated in those sections or the sale or transfer of fee title to a governmental entity or a nonprofit nature conservancy corporation, as defined in RCW 64.04.130, exclusively for the protection and conservation of lands recommended for state natural area preserve purposes by the natural heritage council and natural heritage plan as defined in chapter 79.70 RCW. At such time as the land is not used for the purposes enumerated, the compensating tax specified in subsection (11) of this section shall be imposed upon the current owner;
- d. the sale or transfer of fee title to the parks and recreation commission for park and recreation purposes;
- e. official action by an agency of the state of Washington or by the county or city within which the land is located that disallows the present use of such land;
- f. the creation, sale, or transfer of forestry riparian easements under RCW 76.13.120;
- g. the creation, sale, or transfer of a fee interest or a conservation easement for the riparian open space program under RCW 76.09.040;
- h. the sale or transfer of land within two years after the death of the owner of at least a fifty percent interest in the land if the land has been assessed and valued as designated forest land under chapter 84.33 RCW, or classified under chapter 84.34 continuously since 1993;
- i. the sale or transfer of land after the death of the owner of at least a fifty percent interest in the land if the land has been assessed and valued as designated forest land under chapter 84.33 RCW, or classified under chapter 84.34 RCW continuously since 1993 and the sale or transfer takes place within two years after July 22, 2001, and the death of the owner occurred after January 1, 1991; or
- j. the date of death shown on the death certificate is the date used.

The agreement to tax according to use of the property is not a contract and can be annulled or canceled at any time by the Legislature (RCW 84.34.070).

Michael J. Crosson 8-22-03
Property Owner Michael J. Crosson Date

9040 Thunderbird Lane, Concrete, WA 98237
Address

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The legal description is amended as follows:

Schedule "A-1"

PARCEL "A":

That portion of Government Lot 8 of Section 13, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, W.M., lying Southwesterly of Great Northern Railway Company railroad right-of-way.

Situate in the County of Skagit, State of Washington.

PARCEL "B":

The North ½ of Government Lot 1 of Section 24, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, W.M.,

EXCEPT the South 300 feet thereof.

Situate in the County of Skagit, State of Washington.

PARCEL "C":

That portion of the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 24, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, W.M., lying Southerly of the Great Northern Railway Company railroad right of way and lying Westerly of that certain fence referred to in deed dated April 27, 1956, and recorded April 30, 1956, under Auditor's File No. 535303, records of Skagit County, Washington, executed by Henry N. Sjoboen, et ux to Magnus Miller, et ux;

EXCEPT that portion thereof lying Southerly of that certain strip conveyed to Charlene R. La Fleur by deed dated March 26, 1973, and recorded March 26, 1973, under Auditor's File No. 782484, records of Skagit County, Washington, described as follows:

That certain strip of land upon which there is now located an existing driveway running from the County road, in an Easterly and Westerly direction, to the South 300 feet of the North ½ of Government Lot 1, not exceeding 20 feet in width, and lying within a 20 foot wide strip of land in the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 24, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, W.M., lying Northerly of and adjacent to the following described line:

Beginning at a point on the West line of the County road, as the same existed on April 27, 1956, 162 feet Southerly of the intersection of said West line and the South line of the Great Northern Railway Company right of way, said point being the Southeast corner of that certain tract conveyed in deed to Magnus Miller, et ux, from Henry N. Sjoboen, et ux, dated April 27, 1956, recorded April 30, 1956, under Auditor's File No. 535303, records of Skagit County, Washington;
thence Westerly along said South line of said tract to an existing fence line referred to in said deed;
thence Westerly in a straight line to a point 20 feet South of the Northeast corner of the South 300 feet of the North ½ of Government Lot 1 of said section, said point being the terminal point of said line.

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Schedule "A-1" Continued:

PARCEL "D":

That portion of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, W.M., described as follows:

Beginning at a point of intersection of the West line of the County road as the same existed on May 14, 1937, and the South right of way line of the Great Northern Railway Company right of way; thence 20 feet South along the West line of said County road extended, being the true point of beginning; thence Westerly and parallel with the South line of the Great Northern Railway Company right of way and 20 feet Southerly thereof a distance of 501 feet, more or less, to a fence line as referred to in deed dated April 27, 1956, and recorded April 30, 1956, under Auditor's File No. 535303, records of Skagit County, Washington, executed by Henry N. Sjoboen, et ux, to Magnus Miller, et ux; thence Southerly along said existing fence line a distance of 261 feet; thence in an Easterly direction to a point on the West right of way line of said above described County road extended Southerly to said point and a distance of 142 feet Southerly from the point of beginning; thence Northerly along the West line of said County road extended to the true point of beginning.

EXCEPT from the above described Parcels "C" and "D" that certain strip conveyed to Charlene R. La Fleur by deed dated March 26, 1973, and recorded March 26, 1973, under Auditor's File No. 782484, records of Skagit County, Washington, described therein as follows:

That certain strip of land upon which there is now located an existing driveway running from the County road, in an Easterly and Westerly direction, to the South 300 feet of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of Government Lot 1, not exceeding 20 feet in width, and lying within a 20 foot wide strip of land in the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, W.M., lying Northerly of and adjacent to the following described line:

Beginning at a point on the West line of the County road, as the same existed on April 27, 1956, 162 feet Southerly of the intersection of said West line and the South line of the Great Northern Railway Company right of way, said point being the Southeast corner of that certain tract conveyed in deed to Magnus Miller, et ux, from Henry N., Sjoboen, et ux, dated April 27, 1956, recorded April 30, 1956, under Auditor's File No. 535303, records of Skagit County, Washington; thence Westerly along said South line of said tract to an existing fence line referred to in said deed; thence Westerly in a straight line to a point 20 feet South of the Northeast corner of the South 300 feet of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of Government Lot 1 of said section, said point being the terminal point of said line.

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PARCEL "E":

That portion of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, W.M., lying Southerly of the Great Northern Railway Company railroad right of way, Westerly of the West line of the County road as the same existed on May 14, 1937, Easterly of that certain fence referred to in deed dated April 27, 1956, and recorded April 30, 1956, under Auditor's File No. 535303, records of Skagit County, Washington, executed by Henry N. Sjoboen, et ux, to Magnus Miller, et ux, and Northerly of a line 20 feet South of and parallel with the Southerly line of the Great Northern Railway Company right of way.

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