



## Skagit County Forest Advisory Board

### Agenda 11/7/2005

Meeting opened 7:00

Present: Andy, Tim Gordy, Paul, Fred, Lisa, Ken, Dave, Al, Dick and Aubrey. Staff: Kendra

#### **Introductions**

Jim Cahill – Project Coordinator Blanch DNR

Bill Wallace – NW Region Director

Carolyn Kelly-Conservation District

Will (?) from Washington Alder...help please

Molly Doran, Martha Bray, Andrea Xaver, Keith Wiggers – Skagit Land Trust

#### **Old Business:**

- Tim needs to get minutes from the June 2, 2005 meeting submitted
- Tim moved and Ken seconded to approve October Minutes

#### **Discussion Items:**

##### **1. BIOFUEL (EQUIP)/Carolyn**

1. \$200,000 in excess for great opportunity to get funding
2. Goes through a ranking process- taking applications now
3. Due Friday, January 13, 2006
4. Talk to Carolyn re getting a job list of people who are partners in program
5. 50% match (cash or in-kind) about 200 (out of 3,000) in Skagit County need a minimum of 5 acres to apply

##### **2. BLANCHARD MT/Jim and Bill**

1. Want to get comments from FAB to integrate into process
2. Bill gave background on DNR charge & reasons for management
  - i. 75,000 – 80,000 acres of trust land in this county
  - ii. \$52,000,000 post fiscal year to Counties
  - iii. History/2<sup>nd</sup> growth, 50 – 70 year growth. “Nothing unique” about this area; manage for multiple benefits - should not be a proprietor.
  - iv. Study showed uses willing to pay a 1 time payment of 8 million (but 1.5 – 3 million would be generated on a sustainable yield every year)
  - v. 20% of Blanchard Mt needs to be protected (this is on an average less than other areas under the DNR management (i.e. 30%)
  - vi. Did a visual analysis. Will manage according to sensitive views.
3. Ken - Was the public informed so that they could voice their preferences?

4. Bill - No. Just wanted to get feeling Strategy is NOT to maximize money. Won't make as much as if away from public. Develop more as a classroom
5. Paul - Why are we hiding if we want to educate the public? I.e.: all the scenic
6. Bill - wants to feel good about the process; needs to have comments back to DNR by December 1, 2005
7. Bill - Trust manager is in best interest of the trust. Visual and cultural values – BNR working on the policy manual which includes the implementation of social values as well

**3. LANDTRUST/Molly Doran, Martha Bray, Andrea Xaver, Keith Wiggers**

1. "Saving land for tomorrow"
2. Private non-profit
3. 1,500 Land Trusts in nation
4. Want to be of assistance to the resource communities, i.e. ag and timber
5. Understand that there are some misconceptions and would like to have an open forum to discuss possibilities. Concerned about the FAB's proposed language in the amendments for the Comp Plan because it pushed to LT away from acquiring lands. Want to work with the FAB. Will circulate some language back and forth.
6. Good publication to review: **FOREST OF THE EDGE** – USDA, General Tech Report, PNW GTR 6.36, May 2005