

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** Fred P. Hermann

**Address:** 29171 Outlook Lane  
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

**File No:** C/U#7-2009

**Request:** To include 19 acres in the Current Use Timber Program

**Location:** 29831 East Elk Run Drive, being a portion of Lot 37 Elk Run Estates within Sec. 12, T35N, R5E, W.M.

**Assessor's No:** Portion of P38893

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on January 13, 2010.

**Recommendation:** Approval

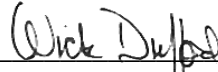
## **FINDINGS**

1. Fred P. Hermann seeks to the inclusion of approximately 19 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. The applicant owns the property.
2. The property is located at 29831 Elk Run Drive. It is a portion of W1/2NE1/4NE1/4, Sec. 12, T35N, R5E, W.M. The parcel number P38893.
3. The applicant owns 20 acres. There is a home on one acre. The balance is 19 acres of forest land. The current zoning is Secondary Forest.
4. The goal is to maintain the integrity of the stand of trees for possible future harvest. This will provide wildlife habitat, watershed management and recreational opportunity.
5. The forested area consists of a stand of mixed native Western Red Cedar, Bigleaf Maple, Western Hemlock, Birch and Red Alder. The larger and older trees (60+ years of age) were left after selective harvest about 30 years ago. The harvested areas reforested naturally to Red Alder, producing a two-aged stand overall. It is recommended that the owner consider clear cutting a 5-acre portion about year 2025, reforesting with a mixture of Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar. This pattern can be continued at 10 year intervals.
6. A Timber Management Plan was professionally prepared by David N. Anderson, Forestry Consultant. 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 upon due notice. 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 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: January 19, 2010

Copies transmitted to Applicant: January 19, 2010