

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** James and Linda Kirschman

**Address:** 24430 Gunderson Ridge Drive  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**File No:** C/U OS F&A Conservation Land App #1-2019

**Request:** To transfer 9.0 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation

**Location:** Lot 1, SP #07-0022, within a portion of Lot 1, east of road, Sec. 30, T34N, R5E, W.M.

**Assessor's No:** Portion of P30443

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 27, 2019.

**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

1. James and Linda Kirschman request the transfer of property from Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation. The applicants own the property.

2. The property is located at 24430 Gunderson Ridge Drive, within Lot 1 of Short Plat #PL07-0022, within a portion of Lot 1, east of road, Sec. 30, T34N, R5E, W.M. The property is a portion of Assessor's Account # P30443

3. The property is traditional farmland that does not now meet the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income. The request is to place 9.0 acres in conservation status, preserving the option to return the land to active agriculture at some future time.

4. The property has previously been used for horse boarding. The intention for the future is to return the acreage to full farm and agriculture status.


5. The hearing was held after due notice. Submitted exhibits were admitted. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.

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

7. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: March 11, 2019

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners:  
March 19, 2019

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits