

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Dale and Teri Dashiell

Address: 22197 State Route 530 NE
Darrington, WA 98241

File No: TRF OS#4-2010

Request: To transfer approximately 178 acres from (1) the Current Use Farm and Agriculture Program and from (2) Classified Forest to the Current Use Open Space Program

Location: Portions of SW1/4SW1/4 & SE1/4SW1/4 Sec. 20, T33N, R10E, W.M., lying east & west of Highway 530 and on the east and west banks of the Sauk River.
Also portions of N1/2SW1/4NW1/4 and N1/2NW1/4NE1/4 Sec. 29, T33N, R10E, W.M.

Assessor's Nos: P18774, P18752, P18705, P18700

Project Description: P18774 will be transferred from C/U Farm and Agriculture to C/U Open Space.
Parcels P18782, P18705 and P18700 will be transferred from CF to C/U Open Space.

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on August 18, 2010.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. This is a request for the transfer of land from the Current Use Farm and Agriculture Program and from Classified Forest to the Current Use Open Space Program. The applicants are owners of the property.

2. The transfer involves approximately 178 acres of land. The applicants seek to conserve and enhance natural and scenic resources. The river at the site provides habitat for five species of salmon.

3. The property is located along the Sauk River and on either side of SR 530 in portions of the SW1/4SW1/4 & SE1/4SW1/4 Sec. 20, T33N, R10E, W.M., and portions of N1/2 and SW1/4NW1/4 and N1/2NW1/4SE1/4 Sec. 29, T33N, R10E, W.M.

4. Buildings located on P18774 will be removed.

5. The proposal involves a Deed of Right to Use Land for Salmon Recovery and Conservation Purposes. Through it, the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe grants to the people of the State the right to use the described real property forever for salmon recovery and conservation purposes. A restoration plan will be carried out. The tribe will act as steward for the land. Paths and interpretive signs are planned.

6. The proposal appears to comply with all requirements for Current Use Open Space per RCW 84.34.020.

5. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are incorporated herein.

6. The hearing was held after due notice. There was supporting testimony by representatives of the Tribe and the State. There was no opposition.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: September 2, 2010

Copies transmitted to Applicant: September 2, 2010