

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** Bill and Robyn Tokunaga

**Address:** 16438 Old School Trail Road  
Bow, WA 98232

**File No:** C/UTRTMB#4 & 5-2007

**Request:** Applications to include 8.22 acres and 5.55 acres on contiguous lands in the Current Use Timber Program

**Location:** Colony Mountain area near Bow within portions of the W1/2 of Sec. 26, T36N, R3E.

**Assessor's No:** P107905 (portions)

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on July 11, 2007.

**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

1. Bill and Robyn Tokunaga have filed applications for inclusion of a total of approximately 13.77 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. They are the owners of the property.

2. The applicants are dividing Tract 4 of Short Plat #91-078 into four separate parcels. One of these contains 8.22 acres (C/UTRTMB#4-2007) and another 5.55 acres (C/UTRTMB#5-2007). The applications are to transfer these two contiguous tracts from classified forest to the Current Use Timber Classification.

3. The subject property is within the W1/2 of Sec. 26, T36N, R3E, W.M. The location is off of Colony Mountain Road.

4. The property contains a mixed stand of native conifers and scattered hardwoods. The stand had a partial cut harvest sometime in about 1985-1990 when selected trees were removed. The goal of the owners is maintain the existing trees, providing wildlife habitat, watershed management and recreation, with an eventual future return through timber harvest.

5. A Forest Management Plan was prepared by David N. Anderson, Forestry Consultant. The plan recommends letting the stand grow as is until about the year 2040. At that time high value trees should be considered for harvest. The plan appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020 and RCW 84.34.041.

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

7. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.

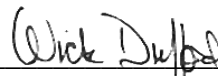
8. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.

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

## RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the applications, 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: July 31, 2007

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