

14.16.430 Rural Resource—Natural Resource Lands (RRc-NRL).

- (1) Purpose. The purpose of the Rural Resource—Natural Resource Lands district is to recognize and encourage the conservation of those lands which have the characteristics of both long-term commercially significant agriculture and forestry either on-site or on adjacent sites. These are lands generally not managed as industrial resource lands, because of less productive soils, parcel size and/or geographic location, but are managed on a smaller scale and provide support for the industrial natural resource land base. It is the intent of this district to restrict incompatible non-resource related uses and to retain a long-term, commercially significant natural resource land base.
- (2) Permitted Uses.
 - (a) Agriculture.
 - (b) Agricultural accessory uses.
 - (c) Agricultural processing facilities.
 - (d) Aquaculture.
 - (e) Campground, primitive, as long as there is no conversion of resource land and the campground does not interfere with resource management.
 - (f) Commercial greenhouse operations that are an integral part of a local soil-based commercial agriculture operation.
 - (g) Commercial uses supporting resource uses, such as packing, first stage processing and processing that provides added value to resource products as long as there is no permanent conversion of the forest land.
 - (h) Individual or multiple farm composting as an incidental agricultural operation to a working farm with no net loss of soil. The composting operation shall be managed according to an approved nutrient management plan in conjunction with the local Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standards and all applicable environmental, solid waste, access and health regulations. Such use shall not generate traffic uncommon to a farm operation.
 - (i) Cultivation and harvest of forest products or any forest crop in accordance with the Forest Practices Act and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
 - (j) Detached single-family residential dwelling.
 - (k) Extraction of gravel and rock for road and trail construction and maintenance purposes, and the operation of rock crushers, all providing the material is used within the Rural Resource—Natural Resource Lands Zone, or on same forest owners' property, on 3 acres or less.
 - (l) Family day care provider.
 - (m) Farm-based business carried on exclusively by a member or members of a family residing on the farm and employing no more than 3 nonresident full-time equivalent employees.
 - (n) Historic sites open to the public that do not interfere with the management of forest land.
 - (o) Home Based Business 1.
 - (p) On-site sorting, bagging, storage, and similar wholesale processing activities of agricultural products that are predominantly grown on-site or produced principally from the entire commercial farm operation. Such activities shall be limited to those which are integrally related to the agricultural production and harvesting process.
 - (q) Operation of scaling stations, log dumps and sorting areas, and forest industry residue dumping areas; provided, that any such use within 1,000 feet of any residential use zone, park, or recreation area shall be temporary and less than 12 months' duration.
 - (r) Operation of sawmills, chippers, shake and shingle mills, forest industry equipment maintenance buildings, and storage yards; provided, that such uses are temporary and are located on the property for no longer than 12 months' duration.

- (s) Residential accessory structures.
 - (t) Temporary roadside stands not exceeding 300 square feet.
 - (u) Water diversion structures and impoundments related to resource management and on-site wetland restoration/enhancement projects.
- (3) Administrative Special Uses.
- (a) Agricultural slaughtering facilities.
 - (b) Animal clinic/hospital if accessory to the existing resource base; provided, that any structures are placed in currently developed areas and no land is taken out of resource production.
 - (c) Bed and breakfast, subject to SCC 14.16.900 (2)(c), provided no new structures are constructed or expanded in building footprint outside of the home for lodging purposes.
 - (d) Expansion of existing major or minor utility or public uses; provided, that the expansion is designed to minimize the amount of resource lands utilized and meets item (i) or (ii) as well as item (iii) of the following requirements:
 - (i) It is located within the existing building envelope which may include the required landscaping of the existing use;
 - (ii) It will be sited on existing impervious surface or within existing right-of-way;
 - (iii) The applicant has proven that there is no other viable alternative to providing the expansion on non-natural resource lands.
 - (e) Greenhouse operations not otherwise permitted in SCC 14.16.400(2)(e). Greenhouses operating in the Ag-NRL zone as an administrative special use, should they cease operation, shall be required to return the land to its former state or otherwise place the land in agricultural production.
 - (f) Home Based Business 2, provided no conversion of agricultural land is required to accommodate the business activity.
 - (g) Kennel, limited, if accessory to the resource base; provided, that any structures are placed in currently developed areas and no land is taken out of resource production.
 - (h) Minor public uses related to the provision of emergency services where there is no other viable parcel or non-resource designated land to serve the affected area. Applicants shall demonstrate the need to locate the use in the natural resource land. Analysis of alternatives to the development of the use within the natural resource land must be provided.
 - (i) Minor utility developments.
 - (j) Personal wireless services towers, subject to SCC 14.16.720.
 - (k) Retail and wholesale nurseries/greenhouses, provided there is no permanent conversion of resource lands.
 - (l) Riding clubs and stables if accessory to the existing resource base and no new structures are constructed.
 - (m) Seasonal roadside stands greater than 300 square feet.
 - (n) Temporary events, provided no permanent structures are constructed.
 - (o) Temporary manufactured home.
 - (p) Trails and primary and secondary trailheads.
- (4) Hearing Examiner Special Uses.
- (a) Aircraft landing field, private, as an accessory to resource management; provided, that the applicant has proven that there is no other viable alternative to providing the service on natural resource lands.
 - (b) Co-housing as part of CaRD, subject to SCC 14.18.300 through 14.18.330.
 - (c) Concentrated animal feeding operation.
 - (d) Extraction of gravel and rock for road and trail construction and maintenance purposes, and the operation of rock crushers, all providing the material is used within the Rural

- Resource—Natural Resource Lands Zone, or on same forest owners' property, on more than 3 acres.
- (e) Forestry-based business employing no more than 3 nonresident full-time equivalent employees.
 - (f) Home Based Business 3; provided, that there is no further conversion of the resource land is required to establish the business.
 - (g) If located within a designated mineral resource overlay, extracting and processing mineral resources.
 - (h) Impoundments for public drinking water; provided, that analysis determines a need that cannot be otherwise met and where not other viable site is available.
 - (i) Kennel, boarding, if accessory to the resource base; provided, that any structures are placed in currently developed areas and no land is taken out of resource production.
 - (j) Manure lagoons.
 - (k) Major public uses related to the provision of emergency services where there is no other viable parcel or non-resource land to serve the affected area. Applicants shall demonstrate the need to locate the use in the natural resource land. Alternatives to the development of the use in the natural resource land must be provided.
 - (l) Major utility developments where there is no other viable parcel or non-agricultural designated land to serve the affected area. Analysis of alternatives to the development of the utility in the natural resource land must be provided.
 - (m) Marinas with no more than 10 slips, provided there is no conversion of resource land.
 - (n) Natural resource training/research facility.
 - (o) Outdoor outfitters enterprises as defined in Chapter 14.04 SCC that remain incidental to the primary use of the property for resource management that results in no net loss of resource land; and provided, that temporary lodging, etc., as regulated in SCC 14.16.900(2)(d) are prohibited.
 - (p) Seasonal worker housing.
 - (q) Shooting clubs (outdoor) with no associated enclosed structures or conversion of resource land allowed.
 - (r) Storage of explosives for commercial purposes when located at least 600 feet from property boundary or public road right-of-way.
 - (s) Temporary asphalt/concrete batching as defined and limited in Chapter 14.04 SCC, provided there is no other viable parcel of non-resource designated land to serve the purpose.
- (5) Dimensional Standards.
- (a) Setbacks, Primary Structures.
 - (i) Front: 50 feet.
 - (ii) Side: 50 feet.
 - (iii) Rear: 50 feet.
 - (b) Setbacks, Accessory.
 - (i) Front: 50 feet.
 - (ii) Side: 50 feet.
 - (iii) Rear: 50 feet.
 - (c) Setbacks from NRL lands shall be provided per SCC 14.16.810(7).
 - (d) Maximum height: shall conform to the building codes of Skagit County. The height of personal wireless services towers are regulated in SCC 14.16.720.
 - (e) Minimum lot size: 1/16th of a section of land or 40 acres. Smaller lot sizes may be allowed with CaRDs or as provided for through SCC 14.16.860.
 - (f) Minimum lot width: 400 feet.
 - (g) Maximum lot coverage: Except for greenhouses, 10,000 square feet or 10% of the lot area, whichever is greater. Greenhouses may have up to 35% lot coverage.

- (6) Additional requirements related to this zone are found in SCC 14.16.600 through 14.16.900 and the rest of the Skagit County Code. (Ord. O20080012 (part); Ord. O20080004 (part); Ord. O20070009 (part); Ord. O20050003 (part); Ord. R20020130 (part); Ord. 18375 § 4 (part), 2001; Ord. 17938 Attch. F (part), 2000)