



# Planning & Development Services

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## Notice of Availability

*Including notice of SEPA threshold determination, written comment period, and public hearing*

### Proposal Information

<b>Publish date:</b>	July 17, 2017
<b>Proposal name:</b>	Permitting of Non-Motorized Trails in the Industrial Forest – Natural Resource Lands (IF-NRL) Zoning Designation
<b>Documents available at:</b>	<a href="http://www.skagitcounty.net/planning">www.skagitcounty.net/planning</a>
<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
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<b>Public hearing body:</b>	Skagit County Planning Commission
<b>Public hearing date:</b>	Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 6 p.m.
<b>Written comment deadline:</b>	Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

### Proposal Description

Skagit County Planning & Development Services proposes to modify Skagit County Code Chapter 14.16.410: Industrial Forest – Natural Resource Lands (IF-NRL) to allow the construction of non-motorized trails to be an outright permitted use (no County permit required). SCC 14.16.410(4)(g) currently designates trails as being allowed pursuant to a Level I administrative special use development permit.

This proposed exemption would only apply to non-motorized trails within the IF-NRL zoning designation. Proposals for primary and secondary trailheads will still be processed as Level I administrative special uses requiring a Notice of Application and public comment period pursuant to SCC 14.06.150.

A staff report and related documents summarizing the proposal are available at the website above.

Skagit County has requested expedited review from the Washington State Department of Commerce and reached out to partner SEPA agencies and community stakeholders for review of this legislative action.

## **SEPA Threshold Determination**

Skagit County has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and is available upon request.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Skagit County will not act on this proposal during the comment period. Written comments regarding this Determination of Non-significance must be submitted by the deadline above and in the same manner as other comments. Pursuant to SCC 14.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

## **How to Comment**

Email comments are preferred and must be sent to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us) with the proposal name ("Permitting of Non-Motorized Trails in the Industrial Forest – Natural Resource Lands (IF-NRL) Zoning Designation") in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Comments on proposed "Permitting of Non-Motorized Trails in the Industrial Forest –  
Natural Resource Lands (IF-NRL) Zoning Designation"  
Planning and Development Services  
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

You may also comment in person at the public hearing at the Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

Date: July 14, 2017

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Dale Pernula, AICP, Planning and Development Services Director

cc: SEPA Mailing List