

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator:				7/28/98	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:	DAD	7/16			
Prosecutor:	ROW	7/16			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	D/K	7-21-98			

SUBJECT:

Approval of Reconveyance of Forest Board Land to Whatcom County.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO /_/_/ YES /_/_/ Requested date:
Amount budgeted for this item/project: \$	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES /_/_/ NO /_/_/ (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

Whatcom County now has the opportunity to establish a regional park facility along the South Fork of the Nooksack River.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend to approve reconveyance request.

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1998 - 301 7/28/98: Approved 5-1, Brown opposed, Nelson absent, Resolution #98-054

ance or Resolution Number (this item only):

RES # 98-054

1 SPONSORED BY: Consent
2 PROPOSED BY: Consent
3 INTRODUCTION DATE: 7/28/98
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5 RESOLUTION NO. 98-054
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7 A RESOLUTION FOR RECONVEYANCE OF FOREST BOARD LAND TO
8 WHATCOM COUNTY (SOUTH FORK OF THE NOOKSACK RIVER)
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10 WHEREAS, Whatcom County is authorized to develop public recreation facilities and to
11 coordinate with other governmental agencies; and
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13 WHEREAS, Whatcom County recognizes the need to preserve natural resources for
14 future generations; and
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16 WHEREAS, Whatcom County intends to establish a regional park facility along the
17 South Fork of the Nooksack River; and
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19 WHEREAS, Whatcom County has identified this property in the Whatcom County
20 Comprehensive Plan and in the "Preserving a Way of Life": A Natural Heritage Plan for
21 Whatcom County; and
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23 WHEREAS, the needs identified in support of the reconveyance may include, but are not
24 limited to, the following facilities or activities: trails, camping, nature areas, interpretive areas,
25 picnicking, fishing, wild life photography, birdwatching, including support facilities; and
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27 WHEREAS, Whatcom County has determined that the reconveyance of approximately
28 200 acres of State Forest Board land is needed for public park use in accordance with the
29 Whatcom County Parks and Recreation section of the County's Comprehensive Plan and the
30 State Outdoor Recreation Plan; and,
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32 WHEREAS, Whatcom County has filed with the Washington State Department of
33 Natural Resources for the reconveyance of the identified forest land in accordance with R.C.W.
34 76.12.072; and
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36 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Whatcom County Council that the
37 reconveyance of the Forest Board property is situated in the State of Washington, County of
38 Whatcom and is described as follows:
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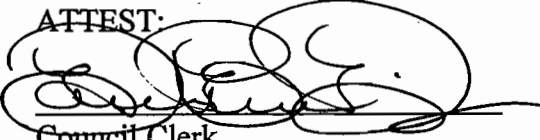
40 *The E½ of the NE¼, Government Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, and 10, Section 16; also,*
41 *easements for road purposes/right of ways as described under Whatcom County*
42 *Auditor File Nos. 663311 and 712993, the West 20 acres of the NW¼ of Section*
43 *15; also easements for road purposes/right of way as described under Whatcom*
44 *County Auditor's File Nos. 663311 and 712993 in Township 37 N., Range 5 E.,*
45 *W.M., containing 200 acres, more or less*

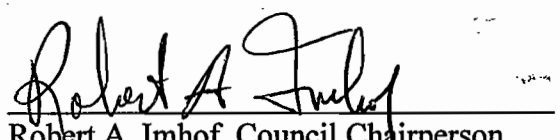
46 be initiated by Whatcom County and ultimately managed and operated by the Whatcom County
47 Parks and Recreation for public park and recreation use.

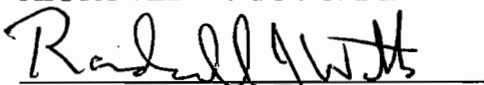
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49 **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Whatcom County Council that
50 this land is to be for park purposes as part of the regional park on the South Fork of the Nooksack
51 River.

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53 **ADOPTED** this 28 day of July, 1998.

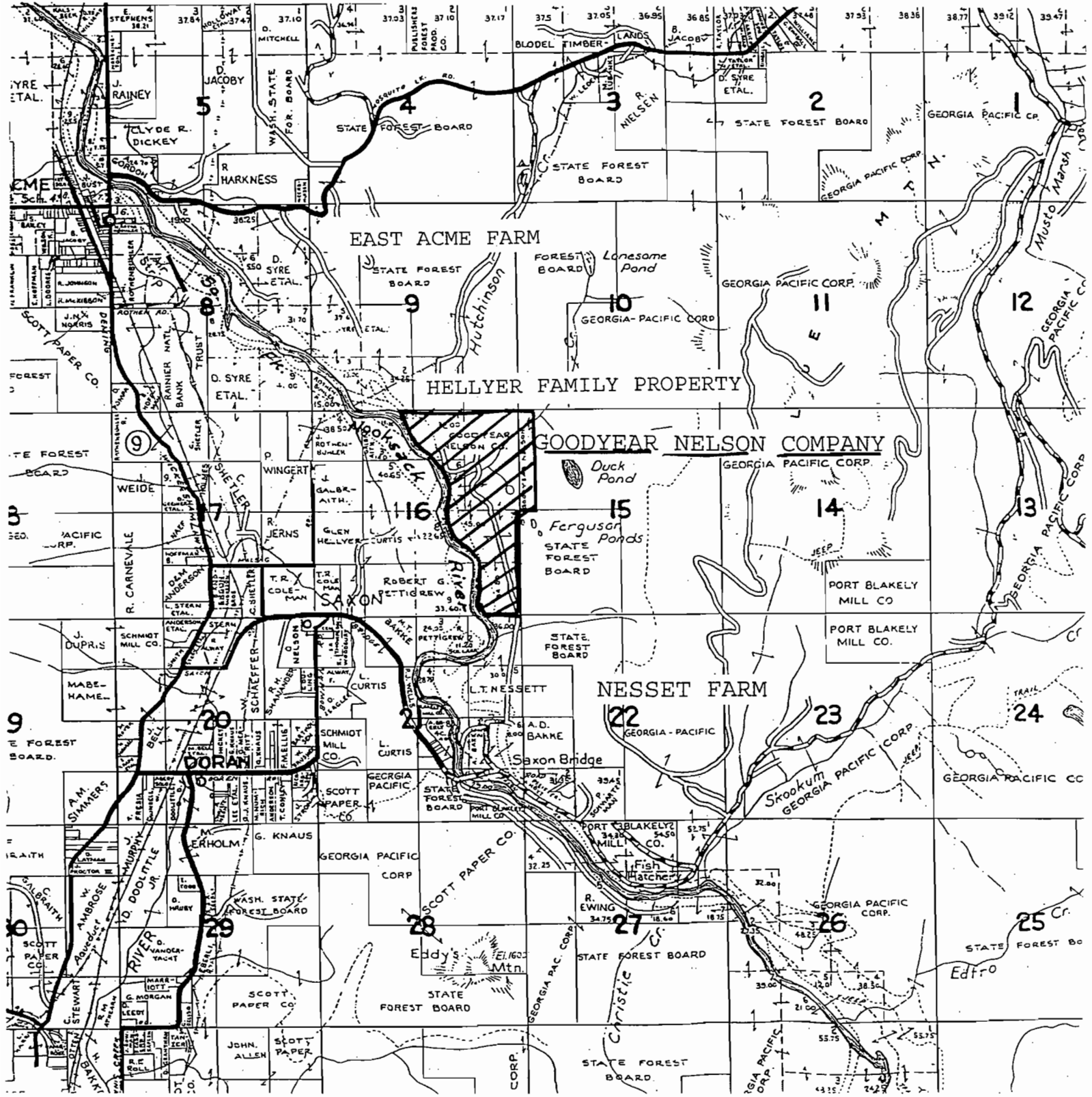
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55 **WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL**
56 **WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

57 **ATTEST:**
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60 Council Clerk


Robert A. Imhof, Council Chairperson

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62 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**
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65 Civil Deputy Prosecutor

() Approved () Denied



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
JENNIFER M. BELCHER, Commissioner of Public Lands

APPLICATION FOR RECONVEYANCE
OF FOREST BOARD LANDS

I, Pete Kremen, representing Whatcom County,
hereby apply for the reconveyance of the following described Forest Board
lands situated in Whatcom County:

Legal description The E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Government Lot 1,6,7, and 10, Section 16;
also, easements for road purposes/right of ways as described under Whatcom County Auditor
File Nos. 663311 and 712993, the West 20 acres of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15; also easements for
road purposes/right of way as described under Whatcom County Auditor's File Nos. 663311
and 712993
Section 15 & 16, Township 37 North, Range 5 (East West), W.M.,
containing 200 acres, more or less. (Attach a map if possible.)

The applicant understands and agrees to the following conditions:

1. The Department of Natural Resources' consideration of the application includes a field inspection and an administrative review to determine the impact the request will have on the management of the lands involved, and to determine if the request is in accordance with the statutes of the State of Washington and policies of the Department of Natural Resources.
2. All reconveyances are subject to the approval of the Board of Natural Resources.
3. If the reconveyance is approved, conveyance of title will be by quitclaim deed, which includes provision for the Department of Natural Resources to retain management of timber and mineral resources, if any.

Dated this 25 day of March, 1998.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date _____	Initials _____
Application No. _____	
Grant _____	

Signed by Pete Kremen
 Title Whatcom County Executive
 Address 311 Grand Avenue
Bellingham
Washington 98225
 Phone 360-676-6700

Contact person if other than above:
Roger A. DeSpain
 Parks and Recreation Director

Return application to:

Department of Natural Resources
Resource Planning & Asset Management Division
PO Box 47014
Olympia, WA 98504-7014