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KATHY HILL
SKAGIT COUNTY AUDITOR

RETURN TO:

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Skagit County Assessor

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REQUEST OF _____

DOCUMENT TITLE(S) (or transactions contained herein):

Open Space Taxation Agreement

REFERENCE NUMBER(S) OF DOCUMENTS ASSIGNED OR RELEASED:

[] ADDITIONAL REFERENCE NUMBERS ON PAGE _____
OF DOCUMENT.

GRANTOR(S) (Last name, first name and initials):

1. Skagit County Assessor

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[] ADDITIONAL NAMES ON PAGE _____ OF DOCUMENT.

GRANTEE(S) (Last name, first name and initials):

1. James & Carolyn Mullen

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[] ADDITIONAL NAMES ON PAGE _____ OF DOCUMENT.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (Abbreviated: L., lot, block, plat or quarter, quarter, section, township and range):

LtA less S¹/₂ in Sec. 4, Twp. 36, Rge 4

[] ADDITIONAL LEGAL(S) ON PAGE _____ OF DOCUMENT.

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL/TAX I.D. NUMBER: 360901-0-010-0008 P48821

[] TAX PARCEL NUMBER(S) FOR ADDITIONAL LEGAL(S) ON PAGE _____ OF DOCUMENT.

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OPEN SPACE TAXATION AGREEMENT
RCW 84.34

#16333

(TO BE USED FOR "OPEN SPACE" OR "TIMBER LAND" CLASSIFICATION ONLY)

This Agreement between JAMES MULLEN AND CAROLYN MULLEN

hereinafter called the "Owner", and SKAGIT COUNTY

hereinafter called the "Granting Authority".

Whereas the owner of the following described real property having made application for classification of that property under the provisions of RCW 84.34:

Assessor's Parcel or Account Numbers: 360405 - 0 - 001 - 0008

Legal Description of Classified Land: See Attachment "A"

And whereas, both the owner and granting authority desire to limit the use of said property, recognizing that such land has substantial public value as open space and that the preservation of such land constitutes an important physical, social, esthetic, and economic asset to the public, and both parties agree that the classification of the property during the life of this Agreement shall be for:

☐ OPEN SPACE LAND ☒ TIMBER LAND

Now, therefore, the parties, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, do agree as follows:

1. During the term of this Agreement, the land shall only be used in accordance with the preservation of its classified use.
2. No structures shall be erected upon such land except those directly related to, and compatible with the classified use of the land.
3. This Agreement shall be effective commencing on the date the legislative body receives the signed Agreement from the property owner, and shall remain in effect for a period of at least ten (10) years.
4. This Agreement shall run with the land described herein and shall be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.
5. Withdrawal: The land owner may withdraw from this Agreement if after a period of eight years the land owner makes a withdrawal request, which request is irrevocable, to the assessor. Two years from the date of that request the assessor shall withdraw the land from the classification, and the applicable taxes and interest shall be imposed as provided in RCW 84.34.070.
6. Breach: After land has been classified and as Agreement executed, any change of use of the land, except through compliance with items (5) or (7) of this Agreement, shall be considered a breach of this Agreement, and subject to applicable taxes, penalties and interest as provided in RCW 84.34.080 and 84.34.108.
7. A breach of Agreement shall not occur and the additional tax shall not be imposed if the removal of designation resulted solely from:
 - (a) Transfer to a government entity in exchange for other land located within the State of Washington;
 - (b) A taking through the exercise of the power of eminent domain, in anticipation of the exercise of such power;
 - (c) Sale or transfer of land within two years after the death of the owner of at least fifty percent interest in such land.
 - (d) A natural disaster such as a flood, windstorm, earthquake, or other such calamity rather than by virtue of the act of the landowner changing the use of such property.
 - (e) Official action by an agency of the State of Washington or by the county or city within which the land is located which disallows the present use of such land.
 - (f) Transfer to a church and such land would qualify for property tax exemption pursuant to RCW 84.36.020.
 - (g) Acquisition of property interests by State agencies or agencies or organizations qualified under RCW 84.34.210 and 64.04.130 (See RCW 84.34.108 (5g)).
8. The county assessor may require classified land owners to submit pertinent data regarding the use of the land, and such similar information pertinent to continued classification and appraisal of the land.

This Agreement shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall comply with the Forest Stewardship Management Plan prepared by Kip Kelley, Professional Forester, for this property, a copy of which is attached to this document as "B"

It is declared that this Agreement contains the classification and conditions as provided for in RCW 84.34 and the conditions imposed by this Granting Authority.

Dated OCTOBER 28, 1996

Granting Authority:

Led W Anderson
City or County

CHAIRMAN, SKAGIT COUNTY
Title
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

As owner(s) of the herein described land I (we) indicated by my (our) signature(s) that I (we) are aware of the potential tax liability hereby accept the classification and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated 11/11/96

James D. Miller
Owner(s)

Charles A. Miller
(Must be signed by all owners)

Date signed Agreement received by Legislative Authority NOVEMBER 13, 1996

Prepare in triplicate with one completed copy to each of the following:

Owner(s)
Legislative Authority
County Assessor

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Legal description:

Part North 1/2, Government Lot 4, South of Camp 2 county road, Section 4, Township 36 North, Range 4 East, W.M.; tax parcel # 360404-0-010, in Skagit County comprising 18.47 acres; Part of SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 33, South of Camp 2 county road #281, Township 37 North, Range 4 East, W.M.; tax parcel #370433022009, in Whatcom County comprising 3.50 acres. Both parcels being contiguous totaling 21.97 acres.

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