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Declaration of Forestry Covenant

GRANTOR: Terrance and Erin Meyer, James and Harlyn Meyer

GRANTEE: The Public

LOCATION: This is a covenant restricting certain forestry practices on a 27-acre parcel in Eastern Skagit County, Government Lot – 8, Section 29, Township 35 North, Range 10 East, W.M. Assessor's Parcel P45636, and a portion of both P45631 and P45639 (full legal description attached) herein referred to as 'The Land'.

Purpose

The purpose of this Covenant is to limit forestry activities on The Land to ones that maintain an intact forest ecosystem while allowing for human economic activities on The Land. It is hoped that this Covenant will also encourage an attitude of stewardship in future owners of this land. The duration of this covenant is in perpetuity.

Covenant

Excluded from this covenant are seven acres of land extending north and west from the old railroad grade which constitutes the southeast border of The Land. The exact shape of this excluded area may be determined by the land owner according to his/her goals for The Land.

The remaining 20 acres of The Land shall have the following restrictions in perpetuity:

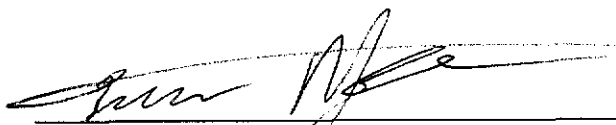
1. No clear-cutting: Forestry activities shall not clear an area larger than 2 acres at any one time and forestry activities shall not cause a contiguous area of trees younger than 20 years old larger than 4 acres.
2. No heavy-cutting: Forestry activities shall not remove more than 33% of the board footage in a 6 acre area within a 10 year period
3. No high-grading: Forestry activities shall not remove most or all of any given species from The Land, nor shall forestry activities remove most or all of the large healthy trees from The Land.
4. In order to maintain the forested nature of the land, commercial pit or strip mining of gravel, rock, topsoil or other mineral commodity is not allowed.

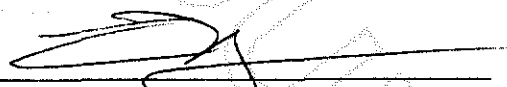
The above restrictions are intended as a baseline. The true intent of this covenant is that future owners of The Land will be ones that choose to manage The Land as best they can with both economic and ecological benefit in mind. The following forestry activities are encouraged:

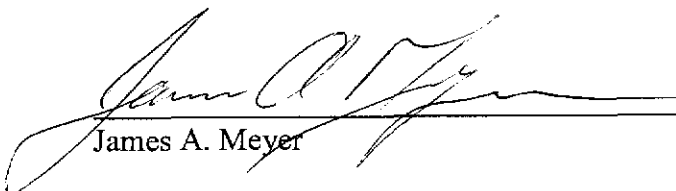
- Single tree selection and thinning cuts: Harvesting trees on an individual basis or in small cuts selecting individual trees. Permanent yarding routes may be established to provide access to all areas of The Land.
- Continuous stand improvement: Trees selected for harvest could be those which are damaged, or near the end of their life span leaving healthy trees to continue growing. This sort of 'Low-Grading' will continuously improve the timber quality on The Land. Care should be taken to account for the ecological value of certain uneconomic trees. Continuous improvement of the forest as wildlife habitat should proceed in conjunction with continuous improvement of timber quality.
- Best practices: The best forestry practices known by the land owner will change over time and it is encouraged that future owners do their best to maintain a balance and synergy between the economic benefits and ecological benefits of the land.

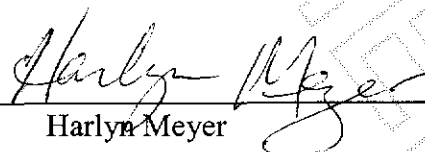
Enforcement

This covenant may be enforced by any person or conservation organization using whatever legal means are available for said enforcement. Violation of this covenant may require reparative actions to be taken on the land and/or forfeiture of any proceeds from violating activities or payment of fines to a suitable conservation organization (such as the Skagit Land Trust) or other suitable remedy as can be agreed on between the enforcing party and the owner of the land, in or out of a court of law, or as determined suitable by a court or other appropriate deciding party if agreement can not be reached between the enforcing party and the owner of the land.


Terrance Meyer


Erin Meyer


James A. Meyer


Harlyn Meyer



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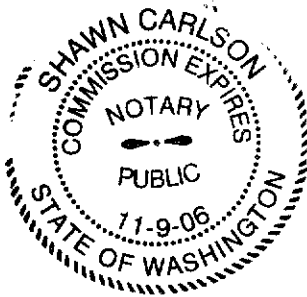
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County of Whatcom

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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Terrance Meyer + Erin Meyers is/are the person(s) who appeared before me, and said person(s) acknowledged that they signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be of their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated this 5 day of May, 2006.



A handwritten signature of Shawn Carlson in black ink.

Print Name Shawn Carlson

Notary Public in and for the State of WA

My appointment expires: 11-9-06



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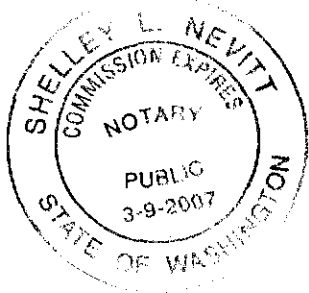
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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that James A. Meyer and
Harlyn Meyer ~~is~~ are the person(s) who appeared before me, and said person(s)
acknowledged that they signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be their
free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2006



Shelley L. Nevitt
Print Name Shelley L. Nevitt
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington
My appointment expires: 3-9-2007



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