

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** John C and Roberta K Hunter

**Address:** 5043 Wildlife Acres Lane  
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

**File No:** C/U OS#2-2008

**Request:** To include approximately 9.20 acres in the Current Use Open Space Program.

**Location:** South and Southeast of Prairie Road within Sec. 34, T36N, R4E, W.M.

**Assessor's No:** Portion of P50663

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on August 27, 2008.

**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

1. John C. and Roberta K Hunter have filed an application for inclusion of approximately 9.20 acres in the Current Use Open Space Program. They are the owners of the property.

2. The property is located south and southeast of Prairie Road, within Sec 34, T36N, R4E., W.M. It is the south half of parcel #P50663. This portion of the parcel is about 10.1 acres in size. Space has been reserved for a residence and shop.

3. The parcel has been logged several times since 1910. Currently approximately 7 acres have been cleared for periodic pasture use. The southwest corner is forested. An unclassified stream runs north-south through the property.

4. The parcel is adjacent to several hundred acres of industrial forest owned by the Trillium Corporation. These acres are open for public pedestrian use. There is a trail from the subject property that ties into the forest land road network. The trail is primarily used by horsemen, through there are some hikers. Wildlife is abundant in the area.

5. The Open Space classification is sought to protect streams and water supply, enhance public recreation opportunities and enhance the value to the public of abutting forest land.

6. The proposed open space use appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020.

7. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are incorporated herein.

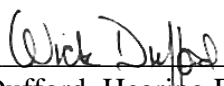
8. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.

9. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.

10. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: September 11, 2008

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