

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Charmie Lee and Daniel Dibble, Donnie Wallace Life Estate

Address: 1158 Rhodes Road
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

File No: Current Use Timber #01-2012

Request: To reclassify 4 acres from Farm and Agriculture to Current Current Use Timber.

Location: 31760 South Skagit Highway being the North 330 feet of E1/2NW1/4NE1/4 Sec 29, T35N, 6E, W.M., lying southerly of county road.

Assessor's No: P41996

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on October 24, 2012.

Recommendation: Approval

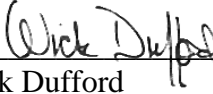
FINDINGS

1. On August 28, 2012, Charmie Lee and Daniel Dibble filed an application for the inclusion of approximately four acres in the Current Use Timber Program. The applicants are the owners of the property.
2. The property is Assessor's number 41996, located at 31760 South Skagit Highway. It is the North 330 feet of E1/2NW1/4NE1/4 Sec. 29, T35N, R6E, lying southerly of the county road.
3. The parcel comprises five acres of which four are to be placed in the program. The one-acre homesite exemption is being claimed for the house, barn, shed and well area.
4. The property is contiguous with a 14.55 acre tract (P41997) in the same ownership which is already in the program. A professionally prepared Timber Management Plan for the entire acreage was submitted. The newly included acreage is largely in trees
5. A selective harvest was done in 2004. Initial reforestation efforts were not successful due to heavy brush competition. Additional planting on the site is being undertaken.
6. The objective is to keep the property in the family in a productive forested condition, maintaining a variable age class suitable for occasional selective harvest.
7. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
8. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
9. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application, subject to the following condition:

At such time as the applicant intends to harvest the timber on the property, the applicant shall comply with all requirements of the Department of Natural Resources under the Forest Practices Act for the harvesting of timber.



Wick Dufford

Dated: November 5, 2012

Copies transmitted to Applicants, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A CURRENT USE TIMBER APPLICATION
OF CHARMIE LEE and DANIEL DIBBLE
CUTMB #1-2012

WHEREAS, the Skagit County Hearing Examiner held a public hearing on October 24, 2012 to review the Current Use Timber application of CHARMIE LEE and DANIEL DIBBLE and adopted Findings of Fact and a Recommendation which were submitted to the Board of Skagit County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in open session, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the application and Findings and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners hereby adopts the attached Findings and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and approves the Current Use Timber application of CHARMIE LEE and DANIEL DIBBLE subject to any conditions listed in the Hearing Examiner Recommendation.

WITNESS our hands and official seal this _____ day of _____, 2012.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

KENNETH A. DAHLSTEDT, Chairman

Linda Hammons
Clerk of the Board

SHARON D. DILLON, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

RON WESEN, Commissioner

Civil Deputy