

**SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION & SEPA OPTIONAL
DNS COMMENT PERIOD.**

File #'s PL19-0555 & BP19-0720

Notice is hereby given that on September 17, 2019, The Port of Skagit County filed an application for a grading permit (BP19-0720) and forest practice conversion (PL19-0555) to harvest approximately 68,000 board feet of timber on a 7.8 acre portion of a 278 acre parcel. The applicant proposes to prepare the site for 7,900 square foot research and testing facility on a 3.5 acre portion of the parcel. Future development plans include construction of a 24,000 storage building and 75,000 square feet of paved surface on another 1.6 acre portion of the parcel. After harvesting the timber, the applicant will remove stumps, excavate approximately 20,000 cubic yards of soil and fill approximately 9,900 cubic yards of soil within the 7.8 acre portion of the parcel to accommodate a research and test facility. The parcel is located within the Aviation Related Limited (AVR-L) zoning/comprehensive plan designated area.

The subject site is located at 11941 Farm to Market Road, Burlington within a portion of the western half of Section 33, Township 35 North, Range 3 East, Skagit County, WA (Parcel P35302).

A completed grading permit and forest practice conversion application, SEPA checklist, site plan and all pertinent information are on file at Skagit County Planning & Development Services. This information is available to the public on request. A decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date the application was deemed complete, which was September 17, 2019 unless such time period is extended pursuant to SCC 14.06.210(3). A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner is not required for this project pursuant to SCC 14.06.110.

Any person desiring to express his or her views or be notified of the action taken on this application should notify John Cooper, Planner, in writing of his or her interest within fifteen (15) days following the date of publication of this notice which is September 19, 2019. Any person has the right to comment on the application, receive notice, participate in any hearings, request a copy of the decision (once made), and the right to appeal the decision. Failure to submit comments, or requests, during the comment period or at the public hearing could result in a loss of right to appeal.

Comments are accepted online or on 8½ x 11 paper. **All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2019** and include (1) your full name, (2) mailing address, and (3) the project number (PL19-0555/BP19-0720) in the subject line. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered. Skagit County accepts comments online only through the form at www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments. Please note the character limit on the online form, no attachments or links are allowed. If you are unable to submit comments online, you may mail your comments or hand-deliver to the address below.

The Lead Agency expects to issue a DNS for this proposal and the Optional DNS is being used (WAC 197-11-355). **This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal.**

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cc: WSDOE, WSDFW, WSDNR, NWCAA, WSDAHP, SCPW, SC Fire marshal, Samish Indian Nation, Swinomish Tribal Community, Upper Skagit Tribal Council, Skagit River System Coop, Applicant.

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