



**SKAMANIA 4 STATE FOREST TRUST TRANSFER
 STATE FOREST REPLACEMENT PROGRAM 2015-2017**

PROPOSAL

The Department of Natural Resources proposes to transfer 203.40 acres, more or less, of State Forest Trust property located in Skamania County to natural resources conservation area status.

Proceeds from the timber value will be distributed as provided in RCW 79.64.110, in the same manner as valuable material revenues from other State Forest Trust lands in the county. The land value proceeds will be deposited to the Park Land Trust Revolving Account and used to purchase replacement State Forest Trust land within Skamania County.

BENEFITS

The State and the State Forest Transfer Trust are benefitted by:

- Transferring property encumbered by endangered species-based harvest restrictions to natural resources conservation area status.
- Providing protection for identified biological, ecological, and social values.
- Securing funds to replace the encumbered property with productive working forest land which will provide sustainable revenue to affected counties.

GENERAL LOCATION

The property is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Stevenson within Sections 3, 4 and 5, Township 3 North, Range 7 East, W.M., in Pacific Cascade Region.

ENCUMBRANCES None

IMPROVEMENTS None.

PRESENT INCOME None.

MARKET VALUE	Timber (5481 Mbf)	\$1,694,900
	Land & Reprod.	<u>\$ 305,100</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,000,000

TERMS OF TRANSFER Cash.

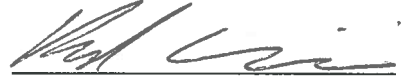
JUSTIFICATION

The transfer is authorized under RCW 79.22.060 and funding is provided by Section 3029, Chapter 35, Washington Laws of 2016.


COMMENTS

Transfer will be by Commissioner's Order. The department will execute and record a real property instrument that dedicates the transferred property as natural resources conservation area and restricts property use to such purposes, as specified by legislation. Property will be reserved as Permit Lands as defined in the department's Habitat Conservation Plan. Mineral rights will be conveyed with the land.

Division Manager



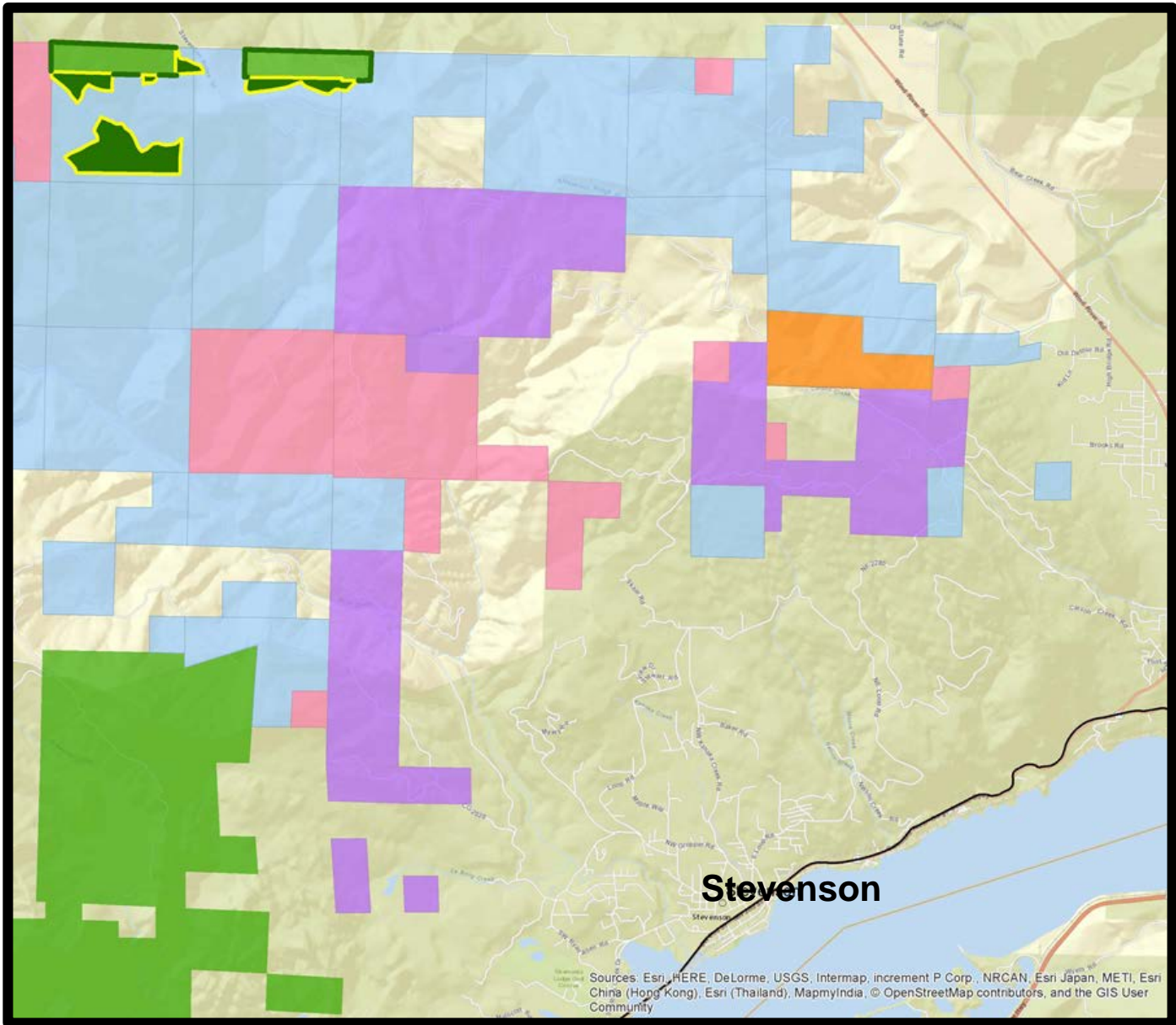
Deputy Supervisor for
State Uplands



Date of Board Approval

State Forest Land Replacement Program

Skamania 4 Transfer



Within Sections 3, 4 & 5, Township 3 North, Range 7 East, W.M., Skamania County

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A **RESOLUTION** relating to the compensation to the State Forest Land Transfer Trust for the designation of State Forest Land to be managed as a natural resources conservation area as authorized by RCW 79.22.060 and the 2015 Capital Budget, as amended by Laws of 2016, Chapter 35, Section 3029, under Department of Natural Resources Land Transfer File No. 02-094004.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE OF WASHINGTON, THAT:**

SECTION 1. The State of Washington, acting by and through the Department of Natural Resources, holds in trust land acquired by transfer under RCW 79.22.040 (State Forest Land Transfer Trust) in Skamania County as described in Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. Skamania County has a population of 11,066 based on the 2010 census.

SECTION 3. The real property described in Exhibit A, known as Skamania 4 State Forest Transfer, is classified as nesting, roosting and foraging habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl under the 1997 Habitat Conservation Plan, which has a 70 year term. Harvest on this land is deferred during the term of the HCP.

SECTION 4. RCW 79.22.060 and the 2015 State Capital Budget, Laws of 2016, Chapter 35, Section 3029, authorize transfer of State Forest Trust land out of trust status for the purpose of protecting lands encumbered by endangered species-based harvest restrictions and replacing this property with productive, working forest lands.

SECTION 5. The Board of Natural Resources finds that it is in the best interest of the State to transfer the Skamania 4 property from the State Forest Transfer Trust to natural resources conservation area status.

SECTION 6. Consistent with RCW 79.22.060 (3), the Board of Natural Resources finds the fair market value of the Skamania 4 State Forest Transfer to be \$2,000,000, as the value of the fee simple interest without consideration of management or regulatory encumbrances associated with wildlife species listed under the federal endangered species act.

SECTION 7. The Board of Natural Resources approves of the use of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions related to the Dedication of Skamania 4 State Forest Transfer as a Natural Resources Conservation Area and Management Commitment, set forth in Exhibit B, as evidence of the transfer of the property described in Exhibit A to natural resources conservation area status.

SECTION 8. Should the transfer authorized by this resolution be consummated, the State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources shall:

- A. Upon receiving payment of the value stated in SECTION 6 above, properly authorize and record the “Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions” shown in form as Exhibit B and take whatever steps are necessary to designate the property described in Exhibit A as a Natural Resources Conservation Area. Use shall be restricted for purposes consistent with Ch. 79.71 RCW. All mineral rights will be conveyed with the land. The property shall be retained as Permit Lands as defined in the Department of Natural Resources’ Habitat Conservation Plan. The term of the natural resources conservation area status shall be perpetual.
- B. Disburse the proceeds from the transfer to natural resources conservation area status as follows:
 - 1. In accordance with RCW 79.64.110, deposit \$423,725 of timber value into the Forest Development Account, and the remaining \$1,271,175 of timber value to Skamania County; and
 - 2. Deposit the land value of \$305,100 into the Park Land Trust Revolving Account and hold, together with accrued interest, for the purpose of acquiring desirable replacement property for the State Forest Transfer Trust in future purchases to be approved by the Board.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Natural Resources, Department of Natural Resources, State of Washington, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Commissioner of Public Lands.

PETER GOLDMARK
Commissioner of Public Lands

Approved as to form this 17 day
of October, 2016.


Assistant Attorney General

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**Section 3, 4 & 5, Township 3 North, 7 East, W.M.
Skamania County, Washington**

A portion of Section 4 and 3, Township 3 North, Range 7 East, W.M., Skamania County, Washington more particularly as shown on Exhibit A-1.

Portions of Section 4 and 5, Township 3 North, Range 7 East, W.M., Skamania County, Washington more particularly as shown on Exhibit A-2.

Exhibit A-1

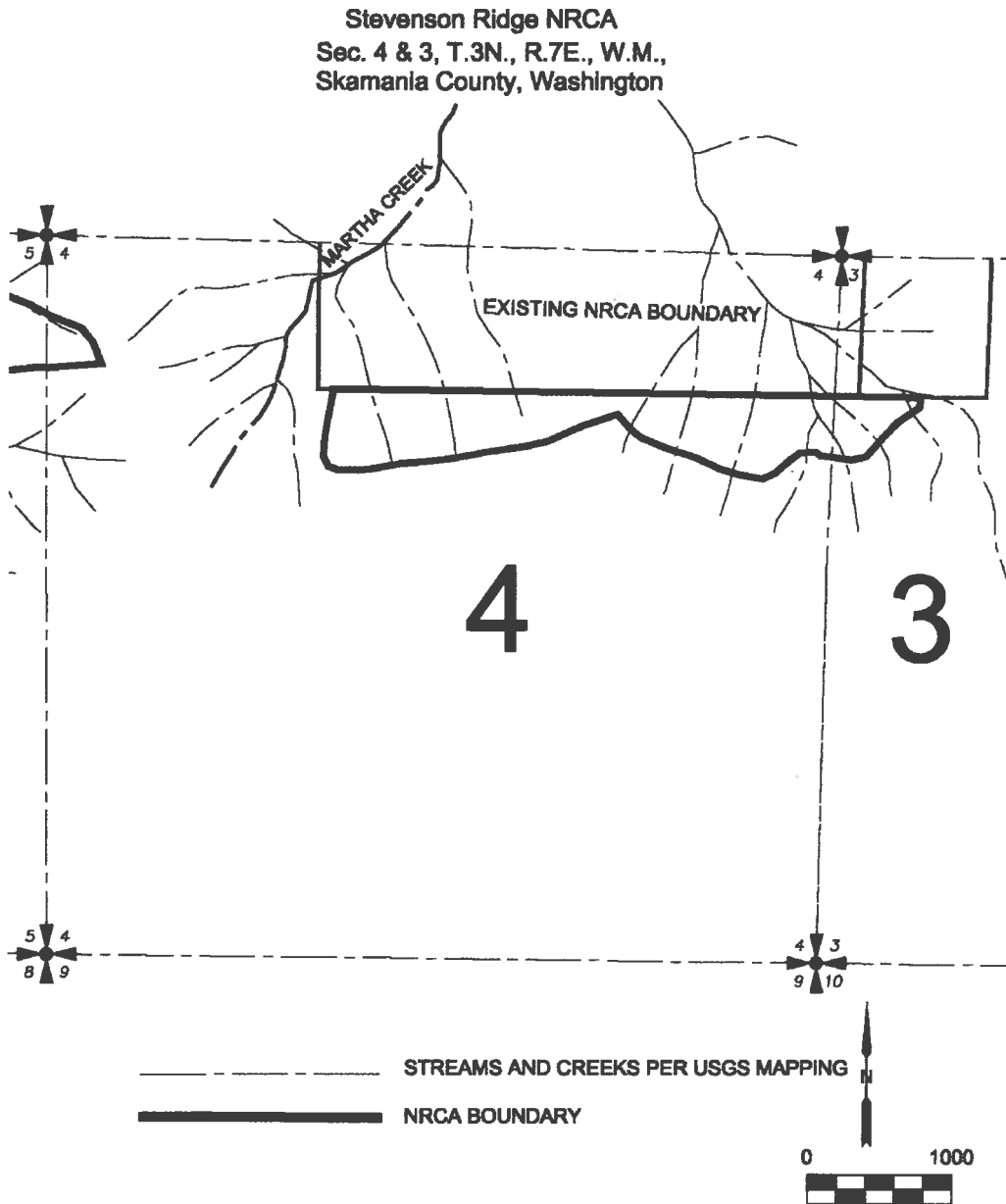
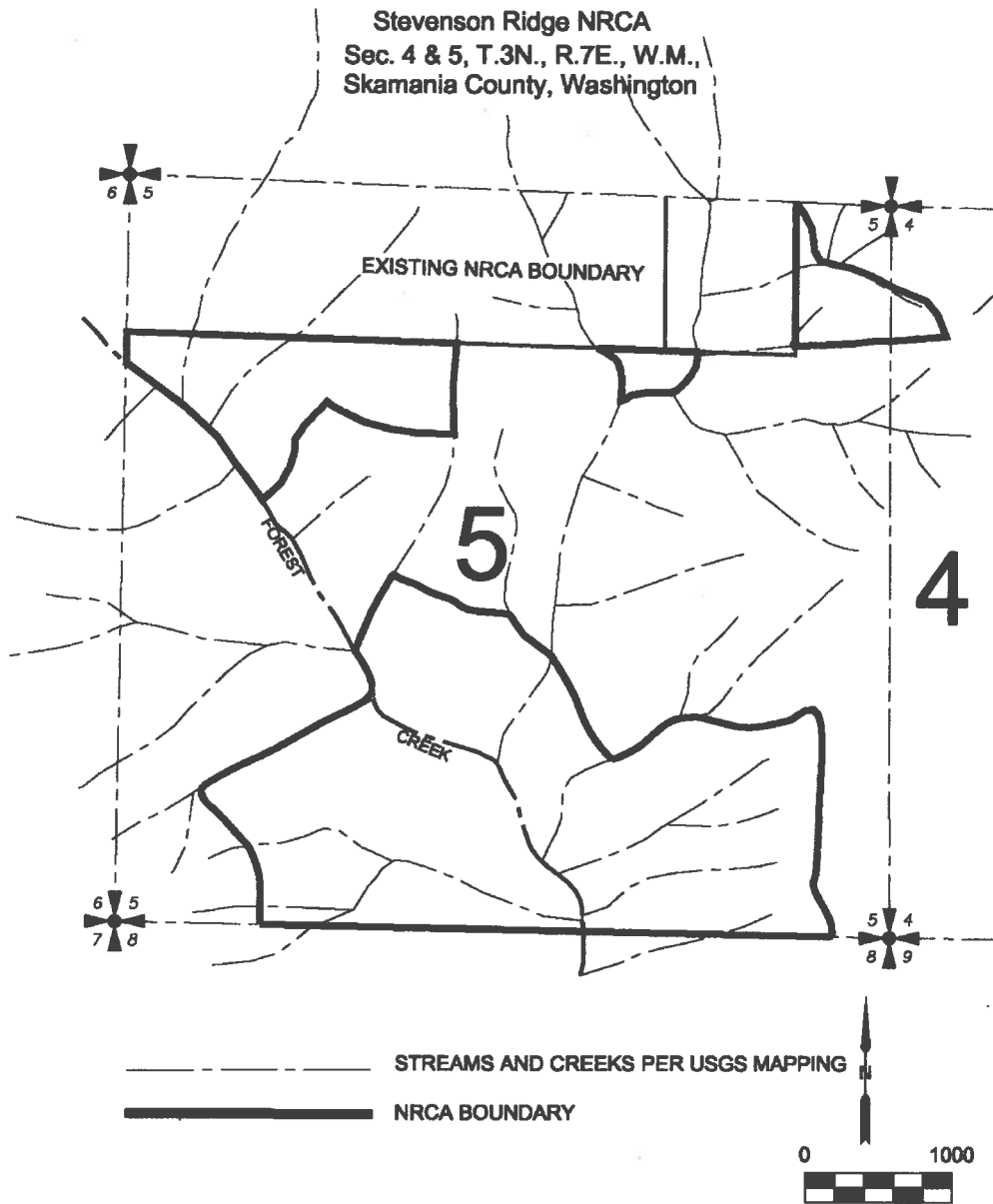


Exhibit A-2



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
RESOLUTION**

EXHIBIT B

**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS RELATED
TO THE DEDICATION OF _____ STATE FOREST TRUST TRANSFER
_____ AS A NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AREA AND
MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT**

_____ **County**

Grantor: State of Washington, by and through the Department of Natural Resources

Grantee: State of Washington, by and through the Washington Department of Natural Resources, Natural Areas Program

**Abbreviated
Legal Desc:**

Tax Parcel #:

THIS DECLARATION is made this ____ day of _____, 2016, by the State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the State of Washington owns that certain real property legally described as set forth on Exhibit A and Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the Property);

WHEREAS, Peter Goldmark, Commissioner of Public Lands, following the approval of the Board of Natural Resources, designated the Property as a natural resources conservation area pursuant to the requirements of Ch. 79.71 Revised Code of Washington; and

WHEREAS, DNR desires to place a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions declaring that the Property shall be utilized perpetually as a natural resources conservation area and desires this Declaration to be recorded as a covenant running with the land to bind the Property according to the terms of this instrument.

NOW, THEREFORE, DNR hereby declares that the Property shall be used perpetually as a natural resources conservation area only subject to further restrictions of use as set forth herein.

Section 1. Restriction on Use of Property. The _____ Natural Resources Conservation Area was established for the Property to protect for public benefit an area that is important for scenic and ecological values. No uses are to be made of the Property except those consistent with its designation for the term specified herein. No additional or future restrictions may be placed on the Property without the approval of the Commissioner of Public Lands. DNR shall manage the Property consistent with its designation as a natural resources conservation area, and subject to any management plan that is adopted pursuant to RCW 79.71.070. Any other use or activity on the Property which is or may become inconsistent with the purposes of the _____ Natural Resources Conservation Area, the preservation of the Property in its natural condition, or the protection of its ecological features, or any management plan that is adopted, is prohibited.

Section 2. Applicability of Habitat Conservation Plan. The Property is located within an area that is subject to the State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources Habitat Conservation Plan and amendments thereto adopted in connection with Incidental Take Permit No. PRT-812521, as supplemented by Permit No. 1168, and the Implementation Agreement for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Habitat Conservation Plan dated January 30, 1997, and any amendments to said permits and agreement. The Property is also to be used consistent with management as "PERMIT LANDS" as defined in the Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Agreement as long as the Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Agreement is in effect.

Section 3. This Declaration does not convey to the public the right to enter the Property for any purpose whatsoever, except as is set forth in any management plan adopted for the _____ Natural Resources Conservation Area.

Section 4. The covenants and restriction of this Declaration shall run with the land and bind the Property in perpetuity.

Section 5. This Declaration, and any future changes duly authorized in writing by the Commissioner of Public Lands, shall be recorded in the Auditor's Office of _____ County.

Section 6. Each covenant, condition, and restriction contained in this Declaration may be enforced by DNR or any owner of the Property if the Property is subsequently transferred from the State of Washington to another person or entity.

Section 7. This Declaration shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

Section 8. This Declaration shall take effect when recorded.

This Declaration is executed and delivered pursuant to RCW 79.71.050 pursuant to Commissioner's Order No. _____, dated _____, entered by the Commissioner of Public Lands with the approval of the Board of Natural Resources, State of Washington.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PETER GOLDMARK
Commissioner of Public Lands

Approved as to form this _____ day
of _____, 2016.

Assistant Attorney General