

# Trust Land Transfer Preliminary Draft Recommendations

## Prioritization Criteria and Scoring

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Below are the preliminary prioritization criteria for evaluating TLT proposals. TLT Phase 2 Work Group members were asked to select 6 criteria that were the most important to them in a survey. The following criteria are listed in order of those with the most votes.

Under each criteria there are statements or questions that DNR staff have provided to explain the purpose of the criteria as well as break down different levels of information that are relevant to that criteria. There are also proposed point ranges for each level of information to guide scoring. Successful proposals may not necessarily need to address every criteria or every aspect of a criteria. However, applicants should elaborate on all criteria that are relevant to their projects.

<b>Criteria: Social Values</b>		<b>Votes: 8</b>
Describe the social values that will be associated with this parcel once it is transferred. These social values could include, but are not limited to, public use and/or recreation, open or green space, aesthetics, cultural or historic significance, scientific research, outdoor education.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent will the parcel provide opportunities for physical activity, social and cultural connections, scientific research, or community education once transferred?</li> <li>Does the site contain features of historical, cultural, and/or tribal significance that have been formally documented?</li> <li>Describe any multiple benefits provided, such as if public use or social values are compatible with any identified conservation or habitat values.</li> </ul>		
How the receiving agency plans for provide for the preservation or cultural or historic attributes while providing for identified conservation, fish and wildlife habitat, and/or public use.		
<b>Point Range: 0-5</b>	Multiplier by 3	
<b>Based on the information provided in the application:</b>		
0 points	The parcel has no social values	
1-2 points	The parcel has minimal social values	
3-4 points	The parcel has moderate social values	
5 points	The parcel has exceptional social values	

<b>Criteria: Economic Impacts or Benefits to Local Communities</b>		<b>Votes: 7</b>
Identify the local communities in which the parcel may have a direct or indirect economic impact. Describe the industries that will be directly and indirectly impacted, including the extent of that impact, by the transfer of the parcel. Example could include forest products (timber or otherwise), leasing, shellfish, recreation, tourism, agriculture, local public services, etc.		
<b>Point Range: 0-5</b>		
0 points	The transfer of the parcel will have negative economic impacts, or the transfer of the parcel has no economic benefits for the local community	
1-2 points	The transfer provides minor economic benefit to the community	
3-4 points	The transfer provides moderate economic benefits of the community	
5 points	The transfer provides exceptional economic benefits of the community	

<p><b>Criteria: Overburdened Communities, Vulnerable Populations, Underserved Populations</b> – Economic and/or Health Impacts</p>	<p><b>Votes: 7</b></p>
<p>Identify any overburdened communities or vulnerable populations* (OBC/VP) in the local community that will be affected by the proposed transfer. Identify and discuss any potential negative impacts to OBC/VP by the proposed transfer. Provide evidence of potential positive impacts that will result from the transfer.</p> <p>Identify any Underserved Populations in the local community that will be affected by the transfer, which are described as follows:  Demographic Measures for Underserved Populations (UP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The median household income level in the census tract where the project is located is below the median statewide household income level (\$66,174 as of 2017).</li> <li>• Based on percentage, there are more people of color in the census tract where the project is located than the statewide percentage (31 percent as of 2017).</li> <li>• Based on percentage, there are more people with a disability in the census tract where the project is located than the statewide percentage (13 percent as of 2017).</li> </ul> <p>Describe an identified disparity in social, health, or environmental services that are impacted by this proposal.</p> <p>If public access and/or recreation is an identified social value, describe the various multi-model access methods available to this parcel. Is access by walking, biking, and/or public transportation convenient and easy?</p> <p>* "Overburdened community" means a geographic area where vulnerable populations face combined, multiple environmental harms and health impacts, and includes, but is not limited to, highly impacted communities as defined in RCW 19.405.020 (ESSSB 5441 Sec. 2 (11)). "Vulnerable populations" means population groups that are more likely to be at higher risk for poor health outcomes in response to environmental harms (ESSSB 5441 Sec. 2 (14)).</p>	
<p><b>Point Range: 0-8</b></p>	
<p>0 points</p>	<p>No efforts made to identify vulnerable populations (VP), overburdened communities (OC), or underserved populations (UP) nearby, or negative impacts from the transfer on the OBC/VP/UP</p>
<p>1-2 points</p>	<p>OBC/VP/UP identified but impacts are not well understood or described</p>
<p>3-4 points</p>	<p>OBC/VP/UP identified and impacts from the transfer will slightly address or alleviate any environmental or health disparities</p>
<p>5-6 points</p>	<p>OBC/VP/UP identified and impacts from the transfer will moderately address or alleviate any environmental or health disparities</p>
<p>7-8 point</p>	<p>OBC or VP identified and impacts from the transfer will highly address or alleviate any environmental or health disparities</p>

<b>Criteria: Community Involvement and Support</b>		<b>Votes: 6</b>
<p>What is the level of <i>community involvement</i> and <i>support</i> for the proposal?  Describe the involvement and support by the community in the development of this proposal including local citizens, local organizations, local elected officials, interest groups, volunteers, public agencies, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent has the community been provided with an adequate opportunity to become informed about the project and provide input?</li> <li>Describe efforts by the applicant to identify and contact all interested parties.</li> <li>How has the community been involved in proposal development? Provide specific examples.</li> <li>Examples of community involvement may include public meetings, articles in local papers, newsletters, media coverage, and involvement in local planning processes that include this specific proposal</li> <li>Explain any known opposition to the project.</li> </ul>		
<b>Point Range: 0-5</b>		
0 points	No evidence presented of community involvement or support	
1-2 points	Minimal or fair specific evidence of community involvement and support	
3-4 points	Moderate to good involvement and support	
5 points	Exceptional to overwhelming involvement and support	

<b>Criteria: Conservation Values</b>		<b>Votes: 6</b>
<p>Describe the ecological and biological quality of the parcel and any unique, state or federally endangered or threatened plant, fish or wildlife species or communities that are present or targeted on the parcel, or any 'wide-ranging or migratory species.</p> <p>Explain how the site is unique or significant on a global, regional, state, ecosystem, or watershed level. Explain the scope or scale of the contribution provided by this parcel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How unique is the site in relation to habitat quality, connectivity, diversity, and rarity?</li> <li>• How is the site important in providing critical habitat or biological function for the identified wildlife species or communities?</li> <li>• How does this site compare to others of the same type?</li> </ul> <p>Are there other protected lands (public and private) near or adjoining this site that have complementary or compatible land uses for conservation or for the identified species?</p> <p>Is the parcel next to or linked to enhance already protected lands?</p> <p>Are the lands to be managed in a manner consistent with the needs of the species or communities identified above? Provide evidence to support.</p> <p>Is this site part of a larger ownership? If so, describe the connectivity and management of the other land.</p> <p>What stewardship practices will be used to benefit fish and other wildlife habitat if the parcel is transferred?</p> <p>What is the capacity and expertise of the receiving agency to monitor and manage the conservation or habitat values once the parcel is transferred?</p> <p>Does the parcel fit within a landscape level conservation effort, plan, or strategy; or will the parcel be included in landscape level conservation effort or management plan once transferred?</p>		
<b>Point Range: 0-5</b>	Multiplier by 3	
0 points	No conservation values presented	
1-2 points	The parcel has minor conservation values and the receiving agency has some capacity to provide those values once the parcel is transferred	
3-4 points	The parcel has moderate conservation values and the receiving agency has capacity to provide those values once the parcel is transferred	
5 points	The parcel has significant conservation values and the receiving agency has capacity to provide those values once the parcel is transferred	

<b>Criteria: Tribal Support</b>		<b>Votes: 5</b>
<p>Describe the efforts to contact the tribes regarding this proposal, including which tribes were contacted, the response, and any support or opposition expressed by the tribes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examples of support could include endorsements, letters of support, or scope of involvement in the development of the proposal.</li> </ul>		
<b>Point Range: 0-5</b>		
0 points	Tribes contacted opposed this proposal	
1-2 points	Tribes contacted were neutral to this proposal	
3-4 points	Tribes contacted were supportive of this proposal	
5 points	Tribes contacted were strongly supportive of this proposal	

## OTHER

**DNR Recommendation:** Remove from Prioritization Criteria

<b>Criteria: Receiving Agency Support and Long-Term Management</b>	<b>Votes: 3</b>
Address under Step 1: Application and determination of eligibility under TLT Framework	

**DNR Recommendation:** Remove from Prioritization Criteria

<b>Criteria: Fire Risk and/or Forest Health</b>	<b>Votes: 5</b>
Address under Step 1: Application and determination of eligibility under TLT Framework	

**DNR Recommendation:** Remove from Prioritization Criteria

<b>Criteria: Risk of Land Use Conversion</b>	<b>Votes: 5</b>
Considerations associated with land use conversion may be addressed under other eligibility steps or prioritization criteria.	

**DNR Recommendation:** Remove from Prioritization Criteria

<b>Criteria: Climate Change Mitigation such as Carbon Sequestration</b>	<b>Votes: 1</b>
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**DNR Recommendation:** Remove from Prioritization Criteria

<b>Criteria: Availability of Replacement Lands</b>	<b>Votes: 6</b>
and address this issue under Statutory Changes (Meeting 5.0 and 5.1) and Tracking and Reporting (Meetings 4.0 and 4.1)	