
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

September 1, 2020
“Webinar” in Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

The Honorable Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County

The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Jim Cahill, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor

Dan Brown, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington

André-Denis Wright, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences,
Washington State University

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 Chair Franz called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

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4 All Board members introduced themselves. A meeting quorum was attained.

5 6 WEBINAR FORMAT BRIEFING

7 Ms. Tami Kellogg provided an overview for participating in a Webinar meeting.

8 9 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10 Chair Franz called for approval of the minutes for the July 7, 2020 Regular Board of Natural
11 Resources meeting.

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13 MOTION: Dean Wright moved to approve the minutes.

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15 SECOND: Director Brown seconded the motion.

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17 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

18 19 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

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21 **Brian Nelson**, Snohomish County Citizen, spoke about the reconveyance of forested land near
22 Gold Bar and requested a delay of the Middle May timber sale due to the timeline of restrictions
23 for road work, hauling and construction.

1 Chair Franz acknowledged **Pedro Valverde**. Mr. Valverde was unable to offer comments
2 because of audio difficulties.

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4 Chair Franz acknowledged **Carol Price**. Ms. Price was unable to offer comments because of
5 audio difficulties.

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7 **Beverly Parsons**, Kitsap Environmental Coalition member, spoke to the irony of the agenda in
8 terms of proposed actions contributing to climate change. She asked the Board to stop the
9 destructive behavior of allowing short rotations and intensive harvesting of trees, noting that the
10 practices and policies were established generations ago under different climatic conditions and
11 are outdated.

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13 **Pamela Keeley** shared her concerns with the environment, including Middle May, and urged the
14 Board to update policies and sustainable practices.

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16 **Keith Wagoner**, 39th District Senator, stated his intent is to speak about the Middle May timber
17 sale and that he will reserve those comments when the sale is under consideration. He noted that
18 several attendees are experiencing difficulty with the meeting's audio and that most of the
19 citizens from his district support DNR's positions. He has been in contact with the tribes he
20 represents and most support the proposed timber sale and are opposed to the reconveyance of
21 property to the county where their tribal rights are not guaranteed.

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23 **Rebecca Davis**, citizen of Lynnwood, stated that she lives in Lynnwood, but has a cabin in an
24 area located east of Gold Bar. She shared her distress by the changes along the corridor because
25 of aggressive logging and expressed her support on the possibility of transferring some land to
26 the county to create a park.

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28 **Lisa Hurt**, Kitsap Environmental Coalition Forestry Work Group member, questioned the use of
29 outdated forestry harvesting models. She stated that there are ways to achieve a sustainable
30 working forest without clear cutting. She noted the challenge in creating a balance between
31 harvesting raw materials to create valuable revenue and the non-financial benefits a forest
32 provides, such as clean water, biodiversity, and life.

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34 **Reed Blanchard**, citizen of Kitsap County, spoke about the appearance of increased clear
35 cutting and that it is not sustainable. He spoke of ways to leave some of the forested land intact.
36 He stated that today, individuals are craving leadership and most want problem-solvers that can
37 bring different groups together to solve complex problems. He asked the Board to provide
38 leadership in bringing different groups together to solve problems.

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40 **Ed Bowen** referred to the Peninsula Land Exchange approved on May 5, 2020. He learned that
41 the escrow process is on hold. Any settlement should be publicized before it is finalized.

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43 **Chair Franz** recommended Mr. Valverde defer his comments until public comment for the
44 proposed timber sales because of audio difficulties.

1 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS**

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3 **Mike Nash** requested deferral of the Middle May timber sale for six months and any other
4 timber sales in the proposed reconveyance area known as Wall Wallace. He shared concerns
5 with the meeting process during a Snohomish County Council meeting. He asked the Board to
6 give the community six months and allow the public to learn the full story about what Middle
7 May opens up and the infrastructure planned for timber sales that will likely facilitate logging of
8 another 1,000 acres between May Creek and Wallace Falls State Park.
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10 **Cheryl Johnson**, Back Country Horseman member, expressed her support of this proposal as it
11 has been on the table for many years. She noted the negative impacts to the beneficiaries and
12 recreationists if it was delayed.
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14 **Mike Town**, citizen, voiced concerns of past meetings with the Department during the public
15 outreach process for the Reiter Foothills Recreation Plan.
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17 **Cathie Hamilton** echoed similar comments as Mr. Town and requested delaying the timber sale
18 for six months. She is learning about carbon sequestration, and clearcutting is troublesome and
19 disturbing.
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21 **Bill Turner**, Manager, Log Procurement at Sierra Pacific Industries, complimented the
22 department staff for taking time to prepare the timber sales proposal. He encouraged the passage
23 of the entire timber sale package. He acknowledged the requests to delay the Middle May timber
24 sale for six months, but cautioned the Board about hazards in delaying the action by six months
25 as the proposal requires five bridges, which will take at least four months to engineer and build.
26 Because of the size of the package and the number of bridges, it will require staging the
27 construction. Delaying has consequences and costs. He encouraged the Board to move forward
28 and approve the timber sales package.
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30 **Tiffany Williams**, Snohomish County citizen and former county employee, shared her concerns
31 that the region will be logged. She voiced her disagreement with the comment that timber sales
32 provides a positive impact to recreation and asked for a delay of the timber sale until it can be
33 discussed publicly.
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35 **Russ Sumpter**, Chair, Sultan School Board, urged the Board to move forward with the Middle
36 May timber harvest, noting that the majority of the community supports the timber sale. He
37 spoke of the schools that have many needs that have been delayed for decades because of the
38 delay in harvesting timber. He urged the Board to approve the timber sale.
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40 **Marjorie Fields**, resident of Edmonds, expressed her support to delay the Middle May timber
41 sale for six months. She stated that the economic value of the timber is much less than the value
42 of the forest for recreation and tourism. Like many others, she believes logging the area is a
43 shortsighted approach. It is not just about the Gold Bar area, it is about the entire state and all
44 citizens.
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1 **Matt Comisky**, Washington Manager for American Forest Resource Council, spoke of the letter
2 he sent the Board providing some additional perspective on the Middle May timber sale that is
3 up for consideration. He stated that delaying the harvest would move the sale and revenue to
4 junior taxing districts out even further. He urged the Board to approve the entire sales packet.
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6 **Michelle Taylor** asked the Board to delay the sale of the Middle May forest to explore options
7 to reconvey the land for a public park. As a public school teacher she understands the financial
8 needs of schools, as well as understanding that forests are needed by children and families. The
9 location of the area would be an ideal location for a county park. A majority of the community
10 does not support the timber sale. She asked the Board to allow six months to explore the
11 Wallace Falls Park option.
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13 **Gigi Gouldner**, resident of Sultan and mother of an eighth grader at Sultan Middle School. Ms.
14 Gouldner shared that she serves as the president of the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization
15 (PTSO) at the middle school. She urged the Board to move forward with the Middle May sale.
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17 **Heath Heikkila**, American Forest Resource Council, spoke in favor of moving the timber sale
18 proposal forward to include Middle May. The Board should consider the sale as an opportunity
19 to reject the idea that working forests cannot be compatible with recreation or other uses. He
20 stated that in Snohomish County, 60% of forests are managed by the U.S. Forest Service and are
21 available for recreation and protected for conservation. He urged the Board to move forward
22 with the sale.
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24 **Jerry Bonagofsky**, President, Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA), Olympia,
25 Washington, said that WCLA represents logging, log trucking, and log road construction
26 companies. Many of the companies similar to trust beneficiaries rely on DNR timber sales to
27 support their organizations. The DNR timber sale program is critical to maintain the
28 infrastructure of the industry and provide support for family wage jobs in rural communities. He
29 noted that staff worked extremely hard to ensure the sale meets regulatory and environmental
30 restraints. WCLA encourages the Board to approve the entire packet of timber sales.
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32 **Doug Cooper**, Vice President of Resources, Hampton Lumber, said the company owns and
33 operates sawmills in the communities of Randle, Morton, and Darrington. The Darrington mill
34 employs 150 people and relies on volume harvested from state DNR lands in Snohomish County.
35 He stated that sustainable harvest reductions approved by the Board make every sale in the
36 Northwest Region important to sustain the business. He urged the Board to acknowledge the
37 Department for working towards success and remain committed to its fiduciary obligations and
38 approve the October 2020 timber sale packet including the Middle May timber sale.
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40 **Dan Chaplik**, Superintendent of Sultan School District, referred to a recent letter he submitted to
41 Commissioner Franz. He participated in the virtual field trip, which demonstrated the all-out
42 effort DNR and the Board undertakes to meet a multitude of needs. He noted the extent of
43 outreach and community input for the Middle May timber sale and the funds that will be
44 generated to develop trails and an equestrian parking area. Further delay for removal of the
45 property from trust land will cause continued harm to the Sultan School District. Re-conveying
46 would take away funding for the school district. As a local resident and an employee of the
47 Sultan School District, he urged the Board to continue to move forward with the sale. He noted

1 that the petition circulated by some environmental groups is troublesome as his name is included
2 on the list. He is not in support of reconveyance and did not sign the petition.

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4 **Sam Chesley** opposed the Middle May timber sale and supports reconveyance for a county park.
5 He asked DNR to hold the unsold timber sale for six months while Snohomish County works
6 with citizens, tribal governments, and user groups to explore reconveyance. He stated that
7 misinformation was shared and that needs to be clarified. He urged the Board to reevaluate its
8 position and consider postponing the Middle May clear cut for six months.

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10 **Keith Wagoner**, Senator representing 39th District, shared that he is a scientist and a physical
11 oceanography major and serves on the Ocean Acidification Board for the state and spent the last
12 summer touring private and DNR lands as part of the aerial herbicide working group. Many
13 talking points have been conveyed by speakers requesting an extension of six months so citizens
14 and the tribes can provide input. The tribes have provided comments. The Board received a
15 letter from the Tulalip and the Lummi Tribes and he has spoken with the Tribal Chairman in his
16 district. All tribes oppose reconveyance. He urged the Board to move forward with the timber
17 sale as the six-month extension is merely a delaying tactic.

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19 **Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt**, Chair of the WSSDA Trust Lands Advisory Committee. Expressed support
20 for moving forward with the Middle May timber sale.

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22 **Will Ibershof**, City Administrator, City of Sultan, spoke on behalf of Mayor Wiita. The
23 proposed action on the Middle May timber sale signifies decades of work on the Reiter Foothills.
24 Working forests provide critical resources to communities, schools, hospitals, libraries, and roads
25 that historically relied on funding from timber sales. He encouraged the Board to approve the
26 sale.

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28 **Lora Cox** opposed the planned logging of Middle May. She stated that the Valley is turning
29 ugly. She understands problems harvesting is supposed to solve; however, it appears to be
30 overkill at this point. Sky Valley is not as beautiful as it was previously.

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32 **Mary Rollins** commented on the earlier remarks by the timber industry, timber lobbyists, and
33 the City of Sultan and Sultan School Board. All have benefitted from timber sales; however, the
34 funds were never used to repair roofs and other needs. Most school bonds are never approved,
35 because citizens are aware of funds received from timber sales. She noted that the community
36 does not want logging in the area and shared that the community is considering the future of
37 climate collapse and the opportunity provided by the trees. Snohomish County can create the
38 program King County created for carbon, but not if logging continues at the current rate. She
39 acknowledged the need for everyone to weigh in on the proposal as it is a new world and the
40 community has new concerns and needs additional time to explore options.

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42 Comments from **Jonathan Blubaugh** were deferred because of audio difficulties.

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44 **Dawn Connor** requested a delay on the timber sales as proposed as she would like to learn more
45 about the proposed public park. She is a member of Gold Bar Nature Trails and is a retired
46 firefighter/paramedic who suffers from PTSD. She uses the trails for hiking into the Reiter
47 Foothills, which would be impacted by the logging. She also needs to learn more about the

1 impact on the hills caused from logging as she was involved in the Oso Landslide. She is also an
2 avid fisherman and would like to know how the salmon hatchery would be impacted.

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4 Comments by **Elizabeth Porter** were deferred because of audio difficulties.

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6 **Charles Lie** referred to a video depicting May Creek and Wallace Falls State Park and the
7 hillside under discussion. He asked for a six month delay so the county can explore with the
8 community the options for the hillside.

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10 **Margaret James** reported she has been attending meetings over the last 10 months since the
11 Middle May timber sale was introduced. Since then, there is much to learn about all the
12 stakeholders. She is still seeking an understanding and is not interested in tactics and is
13 interested in smart management. Her request is not so much of a delay of six months, but rather
14 an opportunity for transformational or a better stakeholder process.

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16 **Elizabeth Porter**, resident of Covington, stated that the forests are connected and are to be
17 shared and managed. She appreciates the Board's position and the work necessary to manage
18 and balance the economic benefits versus recreation and quality of life, but also believes there is
19 an opportunity for Middle May and she prefers no logging and retaining the natural environment.
20 Although it is unrealistic, she supports delaying the sale for six months to afford an opportunity
21 to share factual information and provide an opportunity for everyone to provide feedback.

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23 **Ed Bowen**, resident of Clallam County, spoke of a presentation regarding Jefferson County and
24 the July results of the sale. He stated that the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF) sales
25 are questionable for the purpose of the sustainable harvest calculation and arrearage. The
26 Clallam OESF is missing representative sales; ones that would support state forest transfer
27 revenue on a larger scale than what's available in the Jefferson portion of the OESF. He voiced
28 concerns where sales are likely to only occur for Clallam outside of the OESF for eastern
29 Clallam taxing districts to receive a positive revenue from the sustainable harvest calculation
30 (SHC). He recommended DNR staff should contact the Port to ascertain whether there might be
31 a win-win opportunity, especially when DNR received no bids and there appears to be a shortage
32 of alder.

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34 **Rachel Chesney's** comments were deferred because of audio difficulties.

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36 **Evan Wiederspan**, south Seattle resident. Mr. Wiederspan visits the Wallace Falls State Park
37 several times each year for hiking on the trails or rock climbing. He voiced opposition to the
38 proposed timber sale of the acres located near Wallace Falls State Park. Although not opposed
39 to logging in general, there are ways to sustainability log timber and he is convinced the plan
40 proposed by Sky Valley Future and similar groups to convert the area into a public park is a
41 much better idea.

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43 **Peter Goldman**, Director, WFLC, said he is representing many who have previously
44 commented. Mr. Goldman noted the efforts have been ongoing with DNR in many ways to help
45 solve DNR's issue to reconcile the desires to preserve the area versus logging interests.
46 Extension of the sale provides an opportunity to bring people together and use the statutory
47 scheme to enable the county to consider the feasibility of reconveyance. He thanked DNR for

1 working with the group over the last several months. There has been transparency, but there are
2 different philosophies about the land. An extension of time would enable the county to work
3 with the tribes and the community to develop a win-win solution.
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5 **Catherine Steenstra** asked the Board to delay the Middle May timber sale. As a resident of
6 Snohomish County for over 49 years, she lived in a home adjacent to BLM logged land that
7 eventually was developed as Lord Hill Regional Park. The population in the area has increased
8 over the years and the park is a haven for recreation, biking, hiking, horseback riding, and other
9 activities. Parks are important to preserve the public's mental and physical health. She asked the
10 Board to consider additional study and follow up on the development of the Lord Hill Regional
11 Park to learn about the process for creating the park.
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13 **Sylvia Cohen**, resident of Lake Stevens. Ms. Cohen shared that she frequently visits the area to
14 hike. She learned about the issue several weeks ago. She serves as a voice to those who only
15 learned about the proposal, but who are interested in offering feedback to ensure that the right
16 solution for the county is pursued. She supports delaying the timber sale for six months.
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18 **David Luther** stated that although he supports the Board, he supports opposition to the sale and
19 requests a delay on the decision. He advocated for delaying the sale as Gold Bar is the gateway
20 to the Cascades. Residents in the area must live with the consequences of clearcutting in the
21 Valley. He suggested contacting other cities, such as Wallace, Idaho that have successfully
22 transitioned from a resource extraction economy to a recreational economy.
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24 **Irene Nash**, representing Sky Valley Future, expressed support of a six month moratorium on
25 timber sales in a citizen-initiated proposed public park area. She also addressed the comment
26 earlier from Mr. Chaplik and noted there was a mistake when his name was included on a
27 petition that now has over 2,900 signatures. She also suggested an assessment to each household
28 in order to make up the revenue would be lost if the timber sale did not go through.
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30 **Steven Yarbrough** reported he has been a resident of Gold Bar since 1997 and is a member of
31 the Gold Bar City Council since 2017. He asked the Board to delay the Middle May timber sale
32 along with other sales in the area as he supports pursuing reconveyance for a potential county
33 park.
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35 **Rachel Chesley** commented that as a resident of Snohomish County she opposes the sale of the
36 Middle May timber sale. She asked for a moratorium on other sales in the area for six months.
37 As a resident that lives within several miles of the area she knows that many of her neighbors
38 and friends have become involved. The community is seeking to have a say about the future of
39 public lands.
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41 **Claire Hews** commented on her activities in Sky Valley many times during the year. She speaks
42 for a number of other people about the beauty of the area, which is being destroyed. She stressed
43 the need for preserving natural beauty. She learned last week about the possibility of a park, and
44 supports that endeavor.
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1 **Pete Rainey** said he lives in the eastern area of Sky River Valley near Index. He asked the
2 Board to take additional time to consider the timber sale and stated that he supports the
3 reconveyance efforts. He is hopeful the Board will take time to consider the issue.
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5 **Commissioner Franz** proposed deferring the items under the Chair Report to the next meeting
6 to afford adequate time for discussion.
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8 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

9 **Auction Results for Timber Sales for July and August 2020 and Proposed Timber Sales for**
10 **October 2020 | 3 handouts, including the presentation**

11 Koshare Eagle, Assistant Division Manager, Product Sales & Leasing Division
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13 The results of the July and August 2020 auctions were presented to the Board by Ms. Eagle. In
14 July, the Department offered 8 sales totaling 30.6 mmbf. Of those, 7 sales sold totaling \$10.5
15 million for an average of \$347 per mbf with 2.5 bidders per sale on average. In August, the
16 Department offered 9 sales totaling 37.8 mmbf. All 9 sales sold for a total of \$13.97 million for
17 an average of \$362 per mbf. A slight uptick in average bidders was seen in August at 2.7 bidders
18 per sale. Overbids for the two months were also quite high with 90% over in July and 70% over
19 in August.
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21 Ms. Eagle noted prices are likely to continue to be solid as lumber futures have been closing at
22 record highs recently.
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24 Ms. Eagle asked for questions. There were none.
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26 Ms. Eagle then presented 13 sales proposed for future auction to the Board.
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28 Ms. Eagle asked for approval of the proposed sales as presented.
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30 Superintendent Reykdal asked if the Middle May sale is part of the proposed sales package.
31 Ms. Eagle confirmed this.
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33 Ms. Eagle invited questions and requested approval of the proposed sales as presented.
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35 **MOTION:** Commissioner Peach moved to approve the proposed sales.
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37 **SECOND:** Superintendent Reykdal seconded the motion.
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39 Superintendent Reykdal asked whether the Middle May timber sale was included in the proposal.
40 Ms. Eagle affirmed the Middle May sale was part of the package for consideration.
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42 Superintendent Reykdal referred to the amount of public interest in the Middle May timber sale,
43 as well as the importance to residents in the Valley, the industry, and trust beneficiaries. It is
44 important for the Board to acknowledge the divisions and how the public believes the Board
45 should proceed as a body with respect to the Board's trust fiduciary responsibilities, as well as
46 the importance of the environment and the planet. He continues to wish for a deeper process
47 with respect to trust lands regardless of the beneficiaries and where lands logically fall in

1 adjacencies to places that already have significant recreation and economies built around
2 recreation, as those areas are different than stands of timber in rural and remote areas lacking
3 traditional recreation amenities. The economic benefits would be different for those
4 communities. He believes the Board should consider an effort to remap lands as a way to
5 understand where land adjacencies with uses benefitting the community are located and would
6 benefit less from harvesting. Middle May might be one of those areas; however, he is unsure
7 whether the particular sale or the larger 5,300 acre sale could be compromised. His specific
8 question centers on his conflict between the Board's fiduciary responsibility and ensuring trust
9 beneficiaries receive the value of their asset because the Board has a policy role as managers of
10 lands for other entities. He respects the Board's role and the need to follow the policies until
11 there is a statutory change or significant policy changes. Until then, it is the Board's primary
12 objective. It is difficult for him as he is a different person today than ten years ago and he is a
13 supporter for local control and understands Snohomish County might be under some transition
14 and may have had a false start in contemplating something different. He agreed the statute
15 compels the Board to move forward, but inquired as to whether Commissioner Franz has the
16 capacity to delay the sale for another 90 days to afford time for the county to engage in
17 discussions for potential reconveyance. He supports the proposed sale contingent on delaying
18 the Middle May sale for 90 days to give the county time to consider options.

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20 Chair Franz advised that pending the approval of the timber sale, the auction date is planned for
21 Wednesday, October 28, 2020 or 57 days from the approval date. If the Middle May timber sale
22 was delayed for 90 days, a special auction would be conducted on Monday, November 30, 2020.
23 She is authorized to approve the delay if the Board approves the proposed sales package to afford
24 more time for the county to work with the tribes, even though the tribes have stated their
25 respective position. The Board has received comments from a broad group of stakeholders about
26 the Middle May timber sale. It is also clear that many of the stakeholders have divergent views
27 on how to proceed. She joined the Board at the same time as Superintendent Reykdal and the
28 Middle May timber sale has been front and center since then. The process has been in progress
29 since 2007 and it is clear there are different opinions throughout the community. With
30 stakeholders with diverse views offering thoughtful feedback and their time to assist the Board in
31 achieving the best impact, it is incumbent on her, as the leader of the Department of Natural
32 Resources and the Board to seek the best way to find common ground. An enormous amount
33 time and work has occurred on the Middle May timber sale to include community outreach and
34 community meetings. Some people testified that they just learned about the proposal; however,
35 there were significant outreach efforts to include charrettes for design, reconfiguration, and
36 renaming the sale to Middle May. During her four years as Commissioner, the timber sale has
37 received the most public process with staff and Board time. Multiple conversations brought
38 together conservationists, recreation advocates, beneficiaries, and local tribes. She walked the
39 site of the sale as well as part of the Reiter Foothills. The proposed sale has been a collaborative
40 process although not perfect for everyone. Every stakeholder has had to sacrifice something.
41 The sale has been improved because of the process and the proposal accommodates recreation,
42 conservation, and tribal interests.

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44 Chair Franz cited some of the changes to the initial proposal because of community feedback and
45 enhancements to increase access to trail building to enable the connection of the Snohomish
46 County trailhead with Wallace Falls State Park a decade sooner at a savings of millions of
47 dollars. The proposal increases access for first responders and search and rescue in the area.

1 The sale will generate more than \$1.8 million for beneficiaries (Sultan School District and the
2 local fire district). Timber harvests meet habitat conservation plan requirements and the
3 sustainable harvest plan. DNR manages the lands on behalf of the county and works closely
4 with the county to ensure the Department is meeting the needs of the communities. She met with
5 Snohomish County Councilmembers and County Executive Somers to discuss the sale numerous
6 times over the last three years. Additionally, she met with new County Councilmembers to
7 answer questions and concerns. In 2017, DNR responded to the county's request to reconvey 25
8 acres of the original timber sale. While the reconveyance did not proceed because the Council
9 reversed course, the Middle May timber sale preserves 25 acres of a forested corridor between
10 the county's parking lot and the Wallace Falls State Park. Today, the Snohomish County
11 Council has clarified to the Department that it is not requesting a delay in the action and does not
12 want to pursue reconveyance. However, she is comfortable with postponing the sale for 90 days
13 to provide more time for the county to work with the tribes even though the Tulalip Indian Tribe
14 unequivocally opposes the reconveyance, because of the effect it would have on its treaty rights
15 on open and unclaimed lands. The tribe supports the Middle May timber sale and working
16 forests for its ability to create local jobs, keep local landscapes healthy, and provide habitat for
17 plants and wildlife.

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19 Chair Franz complimented DNR staff for working collectively and collaboratively with the
20 Board and local government officials and constituents. It is important to move forward with a
21 decision. She supports delaying the Middle May timber sale to November 30, 2020 contingent
22 on the Board's approval of the proposed package of timber sales. She invited questions and
23 comments from the Board.

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25 Director Brown conveyed appreciation of Superintendent's perspective and the importance of the
26 difficult choice for the community as the community experiences transitions and changes in a
27 variety of ways. It is important for the Board to listen to the community and through the
28 democratic process from representatives of the community. He appreciates the suggestion to
29 delay the sale for 90 days and the approach by Chair Franz to afford some time to the community
30 to explore options. He thanked staff for hosting the retreat and preparing information about the
31 efforts to balance all interests.

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33 Commissioner Peach shared that as a former executive director for the Quileute Indian Tribe and
34 working closely with four sovereign nations, the issue of tribal rights cannot be resolved during a
35 90-day period. He supports the decision by the Snohomish County Council as it is the Board's
36 fiduciary responsibility; however, the Board should consider some solutions such as changes to
37 forest management policies that address delays in timber sales and potentially legislative action
38 in cooperation with sovereign nations to address concerns. Many comments spoke to changes in
39 leadership at Snohomish County Council and from the perspective of sovereign nations; issues
40 could arise if the county council suddenly changed course creating changes in the future that
41 could result in denying sovereign nation rights. He is unsure how to approach the solution in the
42 short term, but he is not supportive of delaying the timber sale.

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44 Dean Wright agreed the decision should move forward as he does not support delaying the
45 Middle May timber sale.

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1 Director Brown clarified that the proposal would not delay the decision, but would delay action
2 on the Middle May timber sale.

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4 Chair Franz explained that the county has the ability to move for reconveyance at any time even
5 if the timber sale is in progress. The current motion is to recommend approval of all timber sales
6 for auction. Superintendent Reykdal proposed delaying the Middle May timber sale for 90 days
7 rather than the typical 57 days. The timber sale would occur on November 30, 2020 versus
8 October 22, 2020.

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10 Dean Wright pointed out that the extension would only entail approximately 30 days. Chair
11 Franz affirmed timber sales require time by the DNR to complete the State Environmental Policy
12 Act (SEPA) review and standard protocols for the sale. Typically, the auction occurs between 57
13 to 60 days.

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15 Superintendent Reykdal said his intent of delaying the sales would not afford certainty for
16 anyone but effectively conveys to the county that it has some additional days to explore options.
17 If the county elects not to pursue any discussions, the auction would proceed.

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19 Commissioner Peach conveyed that he does not support delaying the Middle May timber sale.

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21 Mr. Cahill said he appreciates the proposal to delay the sale as passion has been generated from
22 all sides of the issue. Allowing some time for the county and the tribes to discuss issues would
23 be beneficial. However, the timeframe likely would not delay harvesting in summer 2021.

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25 Superintendent Reykdal clarified that his recommendation was not a motion to amend, but rather
26 whether Chair Franz has the option to delay the sale.

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28 Chair Franz advised that she would be comfortable with setting the date for the Middle May
29 timber sale as November 30, 2020 to afford time for the county and tribes to work together.

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31 Commissioner Peach recognized the Chair's authority and called for the question.

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33 Chair Franz requested the Board consider offering an amendment to the motion to clarify the
34 Board's intent.

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36 The Board discussed options and agreed the Chair has the authority to delay the sale and an
37 amendment would be unnecessary.

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39 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

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41 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

42 There were no public comments.

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44 **CHAIR REPORT**

45 **Climate Resilience Strategy was deferred to the next meeting.**

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47 **Overview of Legislative Priorities was deferred to the next meeting.**

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OTHER BUSINESS

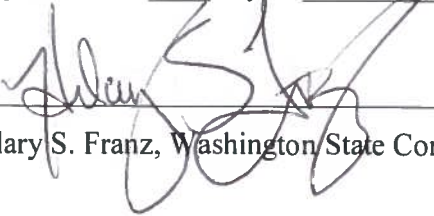
Chair Franz thanked the Board for their time and efforts. She acknowledged the work by DNR staff for their efforts on the Middle May timber sale. Over the next year, the Board will be working on the recreation policies, which speaks to appropriate timing to address some of the recreational questions that arose as part of the Middle May timber sale.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Chair Franz adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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Approved this 6th day of October, 2020



Hilary S. Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

Approved via Webinar

Jim Cahill, Designee for Governor Jay Inslee

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Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County

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