



Clearwater Land Exchange - DNR #86-105124

PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) AND THE NATURE CONSERVENCY

Objective

DNR desires to reposition certain parcels of State trust land on the Olympic Peninsula in Jefferson County to create sustainable State Forest landscapes. This exchange will consolidate State trust lands to improve management efficiency, enhance road access, and maintain or enhance revenue for state trusts. DNR will exchange up to 1,460 acres of trust land and DNR will receive up to 1,027 acres of The Nature Conservancy properties.

Benefits

The exchange will:

- Transition State lands out of trust lands that are better suited for conservation.
- Provide exchange parcels that are more suitable for trust management and are accessed by DNR controlled road systems.
- Generate both near term and long term revenue for the trusts.
- Reduce the number of isolated trust parcels that DNR does not have any legal road access to and are less efficient for long term State trust management.
- Eliminate DNR's need to purchase access and survey/ boundary marking work.

This exchange involves three state trusts: Common School Trust (supports K- 12 public schools statewide), Normal school Trust (generates funding for Central and Eastern Washington Universities and Evergreen State College) and Capitol Building Trust (provides funding to support capital campus buildings). All exchange lands are located in Jefferson County.

The Nature Conservancy Properties

- The Nature Conservancy properties to be exchanged include forestlands that have been unmanaged due to HCP and Riparian restrictions.
- Much of The Nature Conservancy property is adjacent to State trust lands.
- The total acreage of TNC property in Jefferson County is 1,027 acres ±.

State Trust Properties

- The State trust lands to be exchanged include forestlands that have been unmanaged due to HCP restrictions.
- Some of the State trust lands are isolated by The Nature Conservancy properties or have no legal access.
- Trust lands are held and managed by the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of generating revenue for both current and future beneficiaries, as mandated by both the Federal

Enabling Act and the State Constitution. Where possible, DNR manages for multiple benefits such as recreation and protecting habitat and water quality.

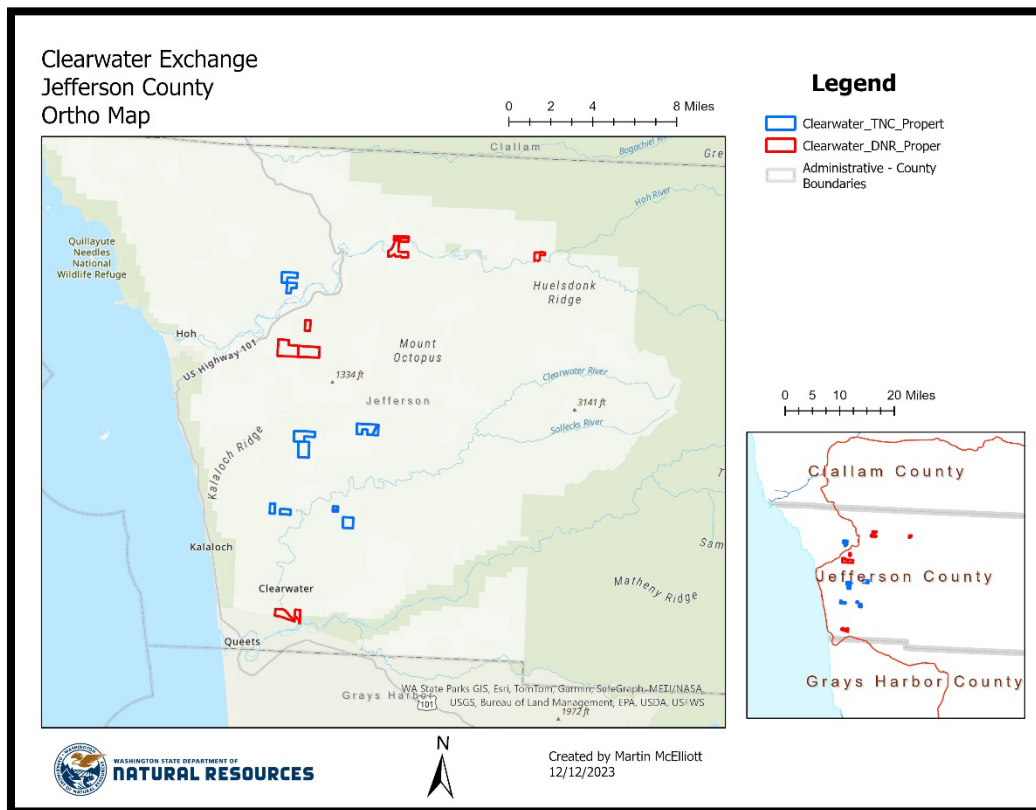
- The total acreage of the State trust lands is 1,460 acres ±.

Public Information and Outreach

- DNR will hold a public hearing to share information and to receive information and testimony from the public. The meeting will occur on **July 9, 2024**, and will begin at **5:30 PM** at the following location:

The Queets Clearwater School
146000 Hwy 101
Forks, WA 98331

- Contact DNR staff if you are aware of cultural resource issues associated with specific trust parcel, or if there are features present on specific DNR trust lands that merit consideration of these parcels to be used for open space, park, school, or critical habitat purposes.
- Following the evaluation of hearing testimony and a property appraisal, DNR and TNC will finalize an exchange proposal to present to the Board of Natural Resources for a final decision at one of its regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The Board meeting provides an additional opportunity for public comment.
- The DNR website (www.dnr.wa.gov) will have a webpage created for this project and be updated as new information becomes available.



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Additional information is available on our website: www.dnr.wa.gov
(To find the webpage with project information click onto the Managed Lands heading, and then click on Land Transactions, then
on Clearwater Exchange.)