

West Tiger | Funded for Transfer in the 2023-25 Biennium

Receiving Agency:	DNR Natural Areas Program
Acres:	99
County:	King County
Trust:	State Forestland (Trust 01), Scientific School (Trust 10)
Proposed Use:	Fish and wildlife habitat, open space or recreation, natural area
Transfer Type:	Fee
Estimated Value:	\$750,000

Characteristics and Location

This steep, heavily forested property is visible from I-90 and is part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway.

Why is this Transfer in the Trust's Best Interests?

- ✓ **Approximately 80 percent of this parcel is not harvestable** due to unstable slopes, streams, and associated buffers.
- ✓ **DNR does not have permanent, legal road access to the parcel at this time.** In addition, there are no active roads to harvestable areas. Building new roads likely would require a bridge across an unstable area.
- ✓ **The potential for other revenue-generating activities is low.** This parcel is too densely forested and steep for solar power generation, and the parcel would be difficult to market for wind power generation due to its lack of legal access and proximity to a highly populated area.
- ✓ **This parcel is within the established boundary of the West Tiger Mountain NRCA.** NRCAs protect outstanding examples of native ecosystems; habitat for endangered, threatened and sensitive plants and animals; and scenic landscapes. In addition to environmental education and research, opportunities for low-impact public uses are provided when they do not impair protected features. West Tiger Mountain NRCA is heavily used for recreation by Issaquah, Snoqualmie, Bellevue, and Seattle residents.
- ✓ **This parcel has high ecological values and public benefits.** **Ecological values** include forest over 120 years old and salmon-bearing streams. Soderman Creek is considered a significant reach for priority species including steelhead, sea run cutthroat, and coastal cutthroat trout. **Public benefits** include low-impact recreation opportunities and protection of the I-90 Mountains to Sound Greenway view shed.

Legal Description

Portions of Sections 32, 33, Township 24 North, Range 7 East, W.M., King County, Washington

Portions of Sections 4, 5, Township 23 North, Range 7 East, W.M., King County, Washington

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