



Lost Mountain Land Exchange - DNR #86-102692

PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) AND THE GATES FAMILY

Objective

DNR desires to reposition certain parcels of state trust land west of Sequim in Clallam County to enhance the trust revenue potential for DNR-managed lands. This exchange will consolidate state trust lands to improve management efficiency, enhance road access, and enhance marketing options for State Forest Land Trust properties. DNR will trade up to 7 acres of trust land and DNR will receive up to 7 acres of Gates Family property.

Benefits

The exchange will:

- Consolidate state trust lands in Clallam County to increase operational efficiency.
- Enhance the sustainability of working trust landscapes to provide for future generations.

This exchange involves one state trust, the State Forest Land Trust, which supports public services in Clallam County.

Gates Family Property

- The Gates Family property to be traded includes both road and forestland that have been managed in the past as a rural forested residence.
- All of the Gates Family property in this exchange is adjacent to state trust lands.
- Acreage of the Gates Family land exchange property in Clallam County – 7 +/- acres.

State Trust Property

- The state trust lands are forestland.
- All of the state trust lands in this exchange are adjacent to Gates Family property.
- 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 state laws. Where possible, DNR manages for multiple benefits, such as recreation and protecting habitat and water quality.
- Acreage of the State trust land exchange property in Clallam County – 7 +/- 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 **September 21, 2022**, and will start at **6 p.m.** at the following location:

Port Angeles Senior Center
Multi-Purpose Room
328 E. 7th St. (southwest corner of Seventh and Peabody)
Port Angeles, WA 98362

- Contact DNR staff if you are aware of cultural resource issues associated with specific trust parcels, 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 the Gates Family 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. Maps and orthographic photos of the parcels proposed for exchange are also available there.
- Written testimony will be received by DNR for this project until October 6, 2022. DNR encourages written testimony from interested parties. Attendance at the public meeting is not required to testify regarding this exchange, and written testimony is equivalent to in-person verbal testimony.
- All prospective meeting attendees are asked to stay home if they have a fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, or exposure to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

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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 Lost Mountain Land Exchange.)