

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF

Natural Resources

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The Reconveyance Process

State Forest Transfer Lands



County Acquires Land

- 1900-1940 (approx)
- Private forest lands into County ownership by tax foreclosure



County Land Conveyed to State

 Former County properties managed as State Transfer Trust lands

RCW 79.22.040 (1923) Deed of County land to DNR



State Land Reconveyed Back to County

Reconveyance for Public park purpose

RCW 79.22.300 (1969)



County determines need and submits request to DNR **DNR** reviews request **Public information meeting held Recommendation prepared for BNR DNR and County present to BNR** If approved by Board, DNR completes property transfer County begins their process



Reconveyance For Public Park Purpose RCW 79.22.300

Key Elements:

- Proposal must be consistent with State Outdoor Recreation Plans
- May include conditions that:
 - Encourage maximum multiple use of adjacent trust land
 - State retains right(s) of way needed for management of surrounding trust land



State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation

Planning Document

- Developed by Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)
- Maintain eligibility for federal funds
- Identifies important recreation issues statewide



County Role

- Identifies State Forest Transfer land needed for public park purpose
- Determines need is in accordance with county and state outdoor recreation plans
- Submits request for reconveyance to DNR
- Presents request to Board of Natural Resources
- Pays DNR administrative costs associated with reconveyance



DNR Role

- Reviews County request to determine consistency with State Outdoor Recreation Plans
- DNR and County hold informational meeting on reconveyance request
- Makes recommendation to Board of Natural Resources
- If approved, completes transfer of property from Trust to County ownership



Board of Natural Resources

- Reviews DNR recommendation regarding reconveyance request
- Hears County presentation of request
- Determines if request should be approved, approved with conditions, or denied



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