Devils Lake | Funded for Transfer in the 2023-25 Biennium

Receiving Agency: DNR Natural Areas Program

Acres: 415

County: Jefferson

Trust: Common School (Trust 03)

Proposed Use: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, natural area

Transfer Type: Fee

Estimated Value: \$5,200,000

Characteristics and Location

This remote and heavily forested property is located south of Quilcene in eastern Jefferson County. Currently, there is no public road access.

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

- ✓ **Over 70 percent of this parcel is not harvestable** due to unstable slopes, riparian areas and associated buffers, gene pool reserves, potential or known habitat for marbled murrelets, and a utility corridor.
- ✓ The potential for other revenue-generating activities is low. This parcel is too densely forested for wind or solar power generation.
- ✓ This parcel is within the established boundary of Devils Lake 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.
- ✓ This parcel is highly visible from Quilcene Bay. Timber harvest on this parcel would have significant visual impacts.
- ✓ The parcel has high ecological values. About 34 percent of the parcel has a globally rare, imperiled forest community of Douglas-fir, western hemlock, pacific rhododendron, and evergreen huckleberry. This parcel also has a mile of Puget Sound shoreline.

Legal Description

Portion of Section 36, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington

Devils Lake | Map

