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Introduction

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages more than 3 million acres of state trust forest, agricultural, range, and commercial properties. Revenue earned from the sale of valuable materials and the use of these trust lands helps to fund and support schools, universities, capitol buildings, and state institutions. It also helps fund essential local services in many counties.

However, state trust lands also provide important habitat for fish and wildlife and are increasingly used by the general public for recreation and educational opportunities.

**DNR strives to maximize the amount of revenue earned from state trust lands while balancing financial need with the important ecological benefits of these lands.**

Opportunities for strong economic returns will always be the primary focus of some DNR managed lands, while others possess important social or ecological features. It is sometimes more desirable that certain special lands be designated and managed primarily for conservation, open space or recreation purposes. To best meet the often vastly different objectives of sustaining a dependable source of revenue and providing places for valuable non-revenue generating activities, it can be beneficial to reclassify or reposition certain assets.

DNR has consolidated trust lands through land sales, transfers, exchanges, and acquisitions to improve manageability. Low-income producing properties have been sold and replaced or exchanged with properties that can be managed for greater returns for trust beneficiaries.
The Trust Land Transfer (TLT) program is an additional tool that allows DNR to retain special lands in public ownership while sustaining and improving potential future economic returns for trust beneficiaries.

When it is determined that certain trust lands provide greater social benefit through non-revenue activities, the program compensates the trust for land converted from a revenue generation status to a conservation or open space function while providing funding to purchase replacement lands elsewhere that will contribute continued trust revenue for future generations.

Photo Page 2: An aerial view of the Blakely Island shoreline.

How the Program Works

Each biennium, DNR identifies a list of candidate trust land properties for consideration by the Legislature for inclusion in the TLT program. The typical properties identified are nominated because they possess low potential for income production due to factors such as critical fish and wildlife habitat, public use demands, environmental and social concerns, and other issues that complicate income production.

The DNR coordinates the review and prioritization of the proposed list of transfer properties. Candidate properties are screened for special characteristics that distinguish the property from other income producing trust assets.
An appropriate and receptive public agency or program is identified to receive and manage each of the candidate properties. The list is assembled into this informational package, with maps and property descriptions, that is presented to the Board of Natural Resources and then to the Governor’s Office for submission to the Legislature.

The legislature considers the proposal, determines the makeup of the final package, and sets an appropriation funding level. If approved, the transfer package is authorized and funded as a section in a Capital Budget Bill.

DNR then endeavors to complete the transfers within the biennium. Each transfer is presented to the Board of Natural Resources for final consideration.

At transfer, the timber value is deposited into the Common School Construction Account and the land value is deposited into the Real Property Replacement Account.

Page 3: Trust Land Transfer Diagram

The timber value is then available for distribution by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to fund school construction (K-12) within the current biennium. The land value is used by DNR to acquire other lands at a future date.

The land is transferred, unaltered, to the appropriate receiving agency for management and protection of the special resource. A deed restriction is recorded that permanently dedicates the land for the intended public use.
Historical Summary 1989 – 2019

This summary of the Trust Land Transfer Program shows transfers and leases to DNR Natural Area Preserve and Natural Resources Conservation Areas, to Washington State Parks, to Washington Fish and Wildlife, to city and county governments and to local public park districts.

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* 17-19 TLT in process. Actual acres transferred are estimated
Historical Trust Land Transfer
Investments 1989 - 2019
# Property List

*Values shown are only estimates*

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*All properties proposed as fee transfers. Actual values determined by appraisal at transfer.*
State Locator Map of Proposed Properties

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Property Maps and Descriptions
SAN JUAN COUNTY
T36N, R1W, PORTION OF SECTION 35 AND T35N, R1W, PORTION OF SECTION 2

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RECEIVING AGENCY: San Juan County

ACRES: 185

COUNTY: San Juan

TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of forest and Salish Sea shoreline along the eastern side of Blakely Island.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. This property is located along the eastern shoreline of Blakely Island and is one of the first views that tourists see when traveling on the ferry ride from Anacortes to the San Juan Islands. The shoreline provides important marine habitat and trees on the property exhibit many old growth characteristics.

San Juan County intends to manage this property to retain and preserve its high quality habitat. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Section 35, Township 36 North, Range 1West, W.M., San Juan County, Washington.

Portion of Section 2, Township 35 North, Range 1West, W.M., San Juan County, Washington.
CHELATCHIE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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RECEIVING AGENCY: Clark County
ACRES: 80
COUNTY: Clark
TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03)
PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, recreation
TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:
This property consists of forest and pasture land in northeastern Clark County with an abandoned railroad line (Chelatchie Prairie Railroad) in the center of the parcel. The northeast portion of this property already has a paved portion of this trail and the long-term vision is that this trail will extend south to Vancouver.

BENEFITS:
The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. Transfer of this property to Clark County Parks would help extend the Chelatchie Prairie Rails-to-Trails project and provide future public opportunities for a trailhead or other public recreation or wildlife habitat amenities. The trail starts at Battle Ground Lake State Park heading in a southerly direction towards Battle Ground with the goal of the trail reaching into northern Vancouver.

Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 2 East, W.M., Clark County, Washington.
DABOB BAY
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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JEFFERSON COUNTY
T27N, R1W,
PORTION OF
SECTIONS 13, 22,
26, 27, 34, 35
AND T26N, R1W
PORTION OF
SECTIONS 2, 3

TRANSFER PARCEL
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DABOB BAY
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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RECEIVING AGENCY: DNR Natural Areas

ACRES: 800

COUNTY: Jefferson

TRUST: Common School (Trust 03) & State Forest Land Trust (Trust 01)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, natural area

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This trust property is located in Hood Canal south of the existing Dabob Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area (NRCA) lands. Transfer of this forested property to the Dabob Bay NRCA would provide important protection for two rare and high quality plant communities, provide wildlife habitat for many animal species, and help to preserve the water quality of Puget Sound.

A portion of the property is currently designated State Forest Land Trust and will need to be exchanged for comparably valued Common School Trust land to complete the transfer.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. The Dabob Bay area is one of the highest quality estuaries in Puget Sound and provides important salmon spawning and rearing habitat. The conservation of this property will also provide wildlife habitat and public open space benefits for this scenic area of the Olympic Peninsula.

Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Sections 13, 22, 26, 34, 35, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, W.M.; and Portion of Sections 2, 3, Township 26 North, Range 1 West, W.M., All in Jefferson County, Washington.
DEVILS LAKE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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JEFFERSON COUNTY
T27N, R2W
PORTION OF SECTION 36

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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RECEIVING AGENCY:  DNR Natural Areas

ACRES:  370

COUNTY:  Jefferson

TRUST:  Common School (Trust 03)

PROPOSED USE:  Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, natural area

TRANSFER TYPE:  Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This forested property is located in eastern Jefferson County south of Quilcene and adjacent to the Devils Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA). This property has frontage along Puget Sound and forests with rare plant communities.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. Transfer of this property into the Devils Lake NRCA will protect one mile of Puget Sound shoreline, help to maintain Puget Sound water quality and aquaculture, protect high quality and rare plant communities, protect native genetic tree diversity, and provide for additional low-impact recreational opportunities for the public.

Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Section 36, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington.
EGLON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KITSAP COUNTY

TRANSFER PARCEL
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T27N, R2E,
PORTION OF
SECTIONS 2, 10, 11, 14

Common School (3)
Agricultural School (4)
Scientific School (10)
Normal School (8)
University - Transferred (5)
University - Original (11)
CEP and R/ (6)
Capitol Grant (7)
State Forest Transfer (1)
State Forest Purchase (2)
Community Forest Trust (48)
NAP / NRCA (74 / 75)
Other DNR-Managed Lands

WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Non-DNR State Managed Land
Federally Managed Land
County or Municipally Managed Land
Tribal Lands and Reservations

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RECEIVING AGENCY: Kitsap County

ACRES: 640

COUNTY: Kitsap

TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03), University Original (Trust 11)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of wetlands and forest between Kingston and Eglon and is close to the shoreline of Puget Sound. A portion of the property currently is designated as University Original Trust and will need to be exchanged for comparably valued Common School Trust land to complete the transfer.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. This property is located north of Kingston and within ¼ mile of Puget Sound. The northern portion of the property contains a large wetland bordered by trees that are 130+ years in age and a small stream flowing into Puget Sound. This large forestland tract and its associated wildlife habitat is rare for Kitsap County as the county has one of the highest population densities in the state. A trail on the property is used for public recreation and for pedestrian and bicycle transportation for this north Kitsap community. Kitsap County Parks intends to manage this property for public recreation, open space and wildlife habitat.

Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Sections 2, 10, 11, and 14 of Township 27 North, Range 2 East, W.M., Kitsap County, Washington.
HANTWICK
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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RECEIVING AGENCY: Clark County

ACRES: 37

COUNTY: Clark

TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03)

PROPOSED USE: Recreation, Open Space, Fish and wildlife habitat

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of forest areas near the East Fork of the Lewis River and the Hantwick Trail that is managed by Clark County.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. This property is located next to the Hantwick Trail (Rails to Trail project) between the City of Battleground and the town of Yacolt. The Hantwick Trail is heavily used by hikers and this property will provide a buffer area between the recreational trails users and active forest management on DNR managed trust lands.

Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Section 15 of Township 4 North, Range 3 East, W.M., Clark County, Washington.
MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALMIE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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RECEIVING AGENCY: DNR Natural Areas

ACRES: 23

COUNTY: King

TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, natural area

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of forest and riparian areas near the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. This property is located northeast of North Bend within the approved Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area boundary and contains fish and wildlife habitat. A public recreational trail is located on this property and provides river access.

Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Section 16 of Township 23 North, Range 9 East, W.M., King County, Washington.
MORNING STAR
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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Common School (3)
Agricultural School (4)
Scientific School (10)
Normal School (8)
University - Transferred (5)
University - Original (11)
CEP and RI (6)
Capitol Grant (7)
State Forest Transfer (1)
State Forest Purchase (2)
Community Forest Trust (48)
NAP / NRCA (74 / 75)
Other DNR-Managed Lands

WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Non-DNR State Managed Land
Federally Managed Land
County or Municipally Managed Land

SNOHOMISH COUNTY
T23N, R9E,
PORTION OF
SECTIONS
4, 5, 8, 9, 16

TRANSFER PARCEL
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RECEIVING AGENCY: DNR Natural Areas

ACRES: 1,090

COUNTY: Snohomish

TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03), State Forest Land Trust (Trust 01)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, natural area

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of higher elevation forest near Spada Lake in the Sultan Basin. A portion of the property currently is designated as State Forest Land Trust and will need to be exchanged for comparatively valued Common School Trust land to complete the transfer.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. This property is located near Spada Lake which is a key drinking water uptake area for Snohomish County residents. The property is within the approved Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area boundary and contains uncommon forest and wildlife including old growth forests. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Sections 4, 5, 8, 9 and 16 of Township 28 North, Range 9 East, W.M., Snohomish County, Washington.
RECEIVING AGENCY: Clallam County

ACRES: 400

COUNTY: Clallam

TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, reservoir, recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of forested land near Sequim in eastern Clallam County that is adjacent to the Dungeness River.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. The goal for the property is to convert the center portion into a water storage reservoir area for the Dungeness River. This reservoir capacity will assist with groundwater recharge, water storage, water irrigation and supplement late summer water flows for the Dungeness River. The county anticipates that fish and wildlife habitat will be improved along with maintaining water supplies for farmers and residents.

Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 4 West, W.M., Clallam County, Washington.
RUSTLERS GULCH
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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RECEIVING AGENCY: WDFW

ACRES: 40

COUNTY: Pend Oreille

TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of forest and wetlands near Fertile Valley in southern Pend Oreille County that is adjacent to several lakes (Horseshoe Lake, Fan Lake) and the West Branch of the Little Spokane River.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. This property is an in holding within the WDFW managed Rustlers Gulch Wildlife Area, which is 2,772 acres in size. The wildlife area has high quality habitat for both fish and wildlife including trout, moose, deer, elk, bear, bald eagles, bats and songbirds. WDFW anticipates that fish and wildlife habitat will be improved along with maintaining water supplies, water quality and dispersed public recreation.

Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

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