Reconveyance of State Forest Transfer Lands
Reconveyance

Purpose of State Forest Trust Lands

• Counties acquired forest land between 1900 - 1940 through tax foreclosure

• To encourage reforestation, counties were allowed to deed forest lands to the state for management (RCW 79.22.040, 1923)

Blue indicates State Forest Trust lands in central and south Snohomish County
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Purpose of State Forest Trust Lands

• State Forest Trust (SFT) lands may be used for forestry, sale of valuable materials, and leasing if appropriate

• Proceeds of timber sales or other activities (after state management costs) are distributed to the county where the property is located
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Purpose of State Forest Trust Lands

- SFT lands may not be sold (RCW 79.22.050, 1923)
- Properties originally conveyed by counties to the state may be reconveyed for park purposes (RCW 79.22.300, 1969)
1. County requests property for park use

2. Proposed use must be consistent with the **State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)**
   - SCORP developed by Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)
   - Maintains eligibility for federal funds
   - Helps decision makers understand the most important recreation issues statewide
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Requirements

3. DNR evaluates the proposal and presents to BNR

4. If approved, DNR deeds property to county

5. County begins process for developing the park

Prior reconveyances, from top: S. Kitsap Regional Park, Lake Whatcom Park, Duthie Hill in King Co.
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Snohomish County Proposal

General location: north of Highway 2, near Gold Bar in south Snohomish County
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Snohomish County Proposal

- Reconvey 25 acres for a county park
- Includes a portion of Unit 1 of the Singletary timber sale
- Requires survey to establish the actual parcel location and description
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DNR will present a reconveyance resolution for the Board’s consideration at a future meeting.