



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17-003

**REQUESTING THAT THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFER A PORTION OF THE SINGLETARY TIMBER
SALE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has proposed a timber harvest on 187 acres north of Gold Bar known as the Singletary timber sale; and

WHEREAS, the Singletary timber sale area is located near Wallace Falls State Park, which is one of the county's great tourist attractions and hiking trails; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the multiple use concept (RCW 79.10.110), the Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with Washington State Parks, Snohomish County Parks and volunteer citizens has planned, developed and constructed recreational trails and facilities on State Lands and State Forest Lands in the vicinity of Wallace Falls State Park; and

WHEREAS, the Singletary timber sale area includes both existing and planned hiking trails and individuals and organizations have expressed concerns that those trails would be significantly impacted by the proposed timber sale; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes and supports the provision of quality recreational opportunities such as trails, facilities, and scenic vistas within working forests; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County supports the sustainable use of our valuable forest resource land and recognizes the importance of revenue from timber harvests, including the Singletary timber sale, to special service district budgets, including the Sultan School District, Sno-Isle Libraries, Valley General Hospital, and Fire District 26; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the county to address concerns about impacts to trails within the Singletary timber sale area while still allowing the sale to proceed; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the fiduciary and stewardship responsibilities of the Department of Natural Resources and does not intend to undermine or interfere with these responsibilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *the Snohomish County Council and Snohomish County Executive request that the Department of Natural Resources postpone the Singletary timber sale for up to one month to provide an opportunity for the Department of Natural Resources and Snohomish County to develop a proposal to remove up to 25 acres from the timber sale and protect the existing and planned hiking trails;*

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Snohomish County Council and Snohomish County Executive request that the Department of Natural Resources work with Snohomish County Parks over the next month to identify an area adjacent to existing and/or planned trails within the Singletary timber sale area that can be withdrawn from the sale and deferred from harvest for up to four years while the remainder of the sale area stabilizes and begins to regrow and a replacement revenue source to support affected special service districts is identified;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Snohomish County Council and Snohomish County Executive recognize that if the area of trail-adjacent land is successfully removed from the pending timber sale, that land will remain in active forestry use and will be subject to future timber sales and harvests;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the Department of Natural Resources does not wish to consider a reduced timber sale, consistent with this resolution, prior to March 31, 2017, the Snohomish County Council and Snohomish County Executive request that the Department of Natural Resources proceed with the full Singletary timber sale as scheduled for February 22, 2017.

APPROVED this 1st day of February, 2017.

Brian Sullivan
Council Chair

Dave Somers
Executive

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ATTEST: _____
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