



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

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17-006

**REQUESTING THAT THE SINGLETARY TIMBER SALE BE POSTPONED
WHILE SNOHOMISH COUNTY INITIATES RECONVEYANCE PROCEEDINGS
FOR A PORTION OF THE SALE AREA**

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 hiking trails, tourist attractions, and recreational and economic assets; 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, Snohomish 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

WHEREAS, Snohomish County finds that multiple objectives can be served by removing up to 25 acres from the Singletary timber sale for reconveyance to the county for recreational use and proceeding with the remainder of the sale; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes the economic importance of the county's timber industry and is committed to its continued viability; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County intends to explore additional options, including potential land swaps, to offset any reduction in harvest and revenue associated with this reconveyance; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes that the area at issue will still require facilities, such as roads, to support the remainder of the Singletary timber sale as well as future timber harvests in the area; and

WHEREAS, this reconveyance is consistent with the Snohomish County parks and recreation element and the Washington State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Snohomish County intends to initiate reconveyance proceedings per RCW 79.22.300 on an up to 25 acre portion of the Singletary timber sale area in order to protect and support one of the county's most important recreational and economic assets;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Snohomish County will work to identify revenue sources to ensure that the beneficiary taxing districts are compensated;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Snohomish County Council and Snohomish County Executive request that the Singletary timber sale be postponed pending proceedings to reconvey an up to 25 acre portion of the sale area to the county.

APPROVED this 22nd day of February, 2017.



Brian Sullivan
Council Chair



Dave Somers
Executive

ATTEST:



Debbie Eco, CMC
Clerk of the Council