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Providing public testimony for Proposed Motion No. 25-261.

Hello Council,

I write to you to consider approving the reclassification for the Cody Schwindt #3290 property. This site is currently under Designated Forest Land and is proposed to reclassify to Open Space General without any changes to the acreage in the designation. This comes from an approved Land Disturbing Activities Permit (21 109481 LDA), where 7.31 acres were classified as wetland and requires roughly 8+ acres of dry land for buffer protection. After multiple conversations and a site visit with the Department of Natural Resources, the dry buffer area (8+ acres) would be allowed to have the timber harvested under a Forest Practice Permit through the state. However, the Snohomish County code is more restrictive and does not allow for timber to be harvested in the buffer area.

I ask the Council to approve the reclassification to Open Space General, so I don't have to continue to hire Professional Foresters to create timber management plans for lands Snohomish County Planning Department will not allow me to harvest. I am very thankful for the Assessors staff who brought this to my attention, as my scenario seems to align exactly with what this portion of code was intended for.

Thank you and have a great day!

-Cody Schwindt