



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Works and Infrastructure

ECAF: 2022-1107

Proposal: Motion 22-466

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

Date: December 6, 2022

Consideration:

The proposed Motion would approve the surplus declaration of North Mountain Road and would authorize the Property Officer of the Department of Facilities Management to execute on behalf of the County, a Quitclaim Deed and take all steps that are necessary to consummate the transfer on behalf of Snohomish County, in accordance with Snohomish County Charter 2.20(7).

Background:

In 1999 the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) transferred 82.92 acres to Snohomish County by deed transfer, referenced as the Darrington Reconveyance, and commonly known as Whitehorse Park. The land transfer included half of the North Mountain Road right-of-way. This land has since been managed by the Snohomish County Parks Department.

Access to the park is provided by North Mountain Road, from State Route 530. North Mountain Road also acts as the southern and western boundary of the park. Beyond the entrance to the park, North Mountain Road serves as access to state and federal lands, which periodically require maintenance. WDNR has agreed to undertake maintenance of North Mountain Road beyond the entrance to Whitehorse Park. The Director of the Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the Property Officer recommend that the County surplus and transfer that portion of North Mountain Road beyond the entrance to Whitehorse Park to WDNR.

Current Proposal:

Scope: The proposed motion would surplus that portion of North Mountain Road, westward beyond the entrance of Whitehorse Park, and to transfer said portion via Quitclaim Deed to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, having been found to be in the public's interest.

Duration: The surplus, sale, disposition, and transfer of the real property to WDNR would be in perpetuity.

Fiscal Implications: NA

2022 Budget: NA

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Requests: Move to GLS on December 14, 2022, for consideration.