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Dear Commissioner Franz,

The Snohomish County Council appreciates our recent discussions with the Department of Natural Resources centered on the proposed trust lands for set-aside in the Legislature's Natural Climate Solutions proviso. We acknowledge the methodical evaluation DNR conducted to select possible set-aside lands focusing on the realization of co-benefits and the minimization of short-term impacts on Snohomish County trust beneficiaries.

Snohomish County concurs with DNR's proposed transfer of 68-acres of Marsh Creek lands out of trust status for conservation and is interested in future participation should additional funds become available for this program.

Thank you for your continued work to identify and acquire replacement lands for the benefit of Snohomish County, Tribal communities, Junior Taxing Districts and community members.

Sincerely,



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Jared Mead  
Council Chair

CC: Council Vice-Chair Nate Nehring  
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