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TO: Jeff Watson, CDS

FROM: Christy Garcia, Assessor's Office

DATE: August 7, 2013

RE: Open Space Land Application: *Cascade Land Conservancy (Forterra)* (Gold Creek)

A new application for Current Use Open Space Land tax classification was received in this office on July 18, 2013. The application legal description and parcel numbers have been reviewed and no errors found.

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Cash Suspense

Receipt Number: 2013-3696 Date: 07/19/2013

Received From: FORTERRA, DARCY WHITNEY

Check Amount: \$300.00

Cash Amount: \$0.00

Eft Amount: \$0.00

Total Amount: \$300.00

Deputy: CHRISTINEG Receipt Type: CHK

Template: CURRENT USE - (CURRENT USE - OPEN SPACE

Comments:

CURRENT USE OPEN SPACE LAND APP (GOLD CREEK)

<u>FundCode</u>	<u>GLCode</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	4634141040	CURRENT USE - OPEN SPACE	\$300.00
Total Amount:			\$300.00

Kittitas County Treasurer's Office

Submitted By: CHRISTINE GARCIA

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July 15, 2013

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205 W. 5th Ave, Suite 101
Ellensburg, WA 98926

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed two Current Use Open Space Land applications, including two \$300 application fees, signed by Teresa Macaluso, Forterra's COO. These two applications are for the following properties:

Gold Creek – Skone
Parcel # 443337

Resort Creek
Parcel #s 384336, 394336, and 915835

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you,

Darcey Whitney
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CHECKLIST FOR CURRENT USE OPEN SPACE LAND APPLICATION

1. Per RCW 84.34 and Kittitas County Resolution 2002-99 as they currently exist or may be hereafter revised:
- A.) All applications for Open Space shall clearly state how the change in classification shall maintain, preserve, conserve and otherwise continue open space lands for the welfare and benefit of the general public per RCW 84.34.20(1). Open Space criteria must conform to one or more classifications listed on the application and be accompanied by a detailed description as to confirmation in that category. Notarized easement for public use may be required from applicant, upon acceptance, if legislative authority requires public access as a condition of approval.
- Kittitas County is in the process of establishing a Public Benefit Rating System for Open Space Land Applications.** Once such a system has been adopted, Kittitas County will revisit each application previously approved.
2. Within platted subdivisions, only those parcels that prohibit residential structures shall be eligible for Open Space land Classification per Kittitas County Resolution 2002-99.
3. All parcels per application must be contiguous and same ownership.
4. Owner(s) name, address and telephone number must be on application.
5. Property location must be completed.
6. Note interest in property (fee owner, contract purchaser, other-describe)
7. Complete Assessor's Parcel Number(s) must be listed on application.
8. Complete legal description is required. Attach separately, if necessary. Identify improvement site(s) that do not qualify for classification at the time of application or future site(s) that is to be excluded from application. Such site(s) must be a minimum size of one acre.
9. List total acres in application.
10. All owners must sign application.
11. Non-refundable application fee of \$300.00 is payable to Kittitas County Treasurer. Complete application and fees must be submitted to the Kittitas County Assessors' Office.

For further information, please contact Kittitas County Commissioners, phone (509) 962-7508 or Kittitas County Assessor, phone (509) 962-7501, both located at 205 West 5th Ave, Ellensburg, Washington.

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**Application for Classification or Reclassification
Open Space Land
Chapter 84.34 RCW**

File With The County Legislative Authority

Name of Owner(s): Forterra NW (fee owner) Phone No: (206) 292-5907
Email Address: info@forterra.org
Address: 901 5th Avenue, Suite 2200, Seattle, WA 98164

Parcel Number(s): 443337
Legal Description: **Acres 5.57; Bob Hansen Short Plat 94-16; Lot 3 & PTN Lot 2 (Lot 3, ~B36/P203); SEC 11, TWP 22, RGE 11~**
See also attached "Exhibit A"
Total Acres in Application: 5.6

Indicate what category of open space this land will qualify for:

- Conserve or enhance natural, cultural, or scenic resources
- Protect streams, stream corridors, wetlands, natural shorelines, or aquifers
- Protect soil resources, unique or critical wildlife, or native plant habitat
- Promote conservation principles by example or by offering educational opportunities
- Enhance the value to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries, or other open spaces
- Enhance recreation opportunities
- Preserve historic or archaeological sites
- Preserve visual quality along highway, road, street corridors, or scenic vistas
- Retain in its natural state tracts of land not less than one acre situated in an urban area and open to public use on such conditions as may be reasonably required by the granting authority
- Farm and agricultural conservation land previously classified under RCW 84.34.020(2), that no longer meets the criteria
- Farm and agricultural conservation land that is "traditional farmland" not classified under Chapter 84.33 or Chapter 84.34 RCW, that has not been irrevocably devoted to a use inconsistent with agricultural uses, and has a high potential for returning to commercial agriculture

made.

FOR LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY USE ONLY

Date application received: _____

By: _____

Amount of processing fee collected: \$

- Is the land subject to a comprehensive land use plan adopted by a city or county? Yes No

If yes, application should be processed in the same manner in which an amendment to the comprehensive land use plan is processed.

If no, application must be acted upon after a public hearing and notice of the hearing shall have been given by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area at least ten days before the hearing.

- If the land is not subject to a comprehensive land use plan, is the land located within an incorporated part of the county? Yes No

If yes, application must be acted upon by three members of the county legislative authority and three members of the city legislative authority. See RCW 84.34.037(1) for details.

If no, application must be acted upon by three members of the county legislative authority.

- Application approved In whole In part
- Application denied Date owner notified of denial (Form 64 0103):

If approved, date Open Space Taxation Agreement (OSTA) was mailed to owner:

Signed OSTA received by Legislative Authority on:

Copy of signed OSTA forwarded to Assessor on:

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Open Space Classification Category Descriptions

Forterra's Gold Creek - Skone property

Parcel #443337

Conserve or enhance natural, cultural, or scenic resources: Forterra is managing the land to be preserved in its natural open space character and is actively stewarding the property to enhance fish and wildlife habitat and improve ecological function. The property was acquired with Section 6 funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to secure threatened and endangered fish and wildlife habitat and to protect critical wildlife corridors surrounding I-90. Forterra's stewardship department regularly monitors the property to control invasive weeds, deter misuse, and plan for any enhancement projects necessary.

Protect streams, stream corridors, wetlands, natural shorelines, or aquifers: Gold Creek flows through the northwest portion of the property. It is an active waterway that flows out of a deep mountain valley and forms a broad floodplain of gravel and sand deposits along a braided streambed with high ecological function. This area of the property is also within the 100 year floodplain. Conservation of Gold Creek and the surrounding headwaters will prevent degradation of water quality in downstream wetlands and the Yakima River.

Protect soil resources, unique or critical wildlife, or native plant habitat: The parcel is flat and occurs on the glacial outwash plain toward the head of the valley and along Gold Creek. There is documented use of this property by one Federally-listed species (bull trout). The conserved status of the land prevents development of cabins or other impervious surfaces which would increase erosion and detract from the natural habitat.

Promote conservation principles by example or by offering educational opportunities: Forterra promotes conservation principles on this property by reducing habitat fragmentation by minimizing barriers to wildlife movement and maintaining/restoring mature canopy cover; minimizing human disturbance and impacts to wildlife by allowing only limited public access for low-impact, non-motorized recreation, and preventing illegal activities on the property; protecting and enhancing unique plant communities such as wetland, ponderosa pine/bunchgrass, aspen and other hardwood plant communities; reducing or eliminating noxious and invasive weeds with a goal of 100% eradication of noxious weeds and 80-100% eradication of other invasive weeds and prevention of new populations; Managing bodies of water to protect water quality, improve fish habitat, reduce passage barriers, and reduce sediment delivery by removal or replacement of culverts that are fish passage barriers or provide ineffective drainage; maintaining and restoring stream habitats and vegetation influencing stream zones for maximum shade, litter inputs, and coarse woody debris recruitment; and by maintaining and protecting key soil properties by minimizing erosion, compaction and displacement from management and other human activities.

Enhance value to public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries, or other open spaces: Forterra's conservation and open access to the property improves the open space connectivity in an area of the central Cascades prone to the checkerboard ownership pattern of public and private lands. The parcel's situation near the Gold Creek Pond natural area improves recreational access. The property is bordered by both state land and the Wenatchee National Forest to the west and Wenatchee National Forest and Gold Creek Pond to the south. To the north the property abuts land conserved by the Washington Department of Transportation to enhance the effectiveness of this wildlife preservation area for a wildlife crossing structure to be built on I-90.

EXHIBIT "A"

A portion of Lots 2 & 3 of BOB HANSEN, SP 94-16, recorded July 19, 1994, in Book d of Short Plats at Page(s) 132-133, under recording number 572896, Being a portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 22 North, Range 11 East W.M., records of Kittitas County, State of Washington.

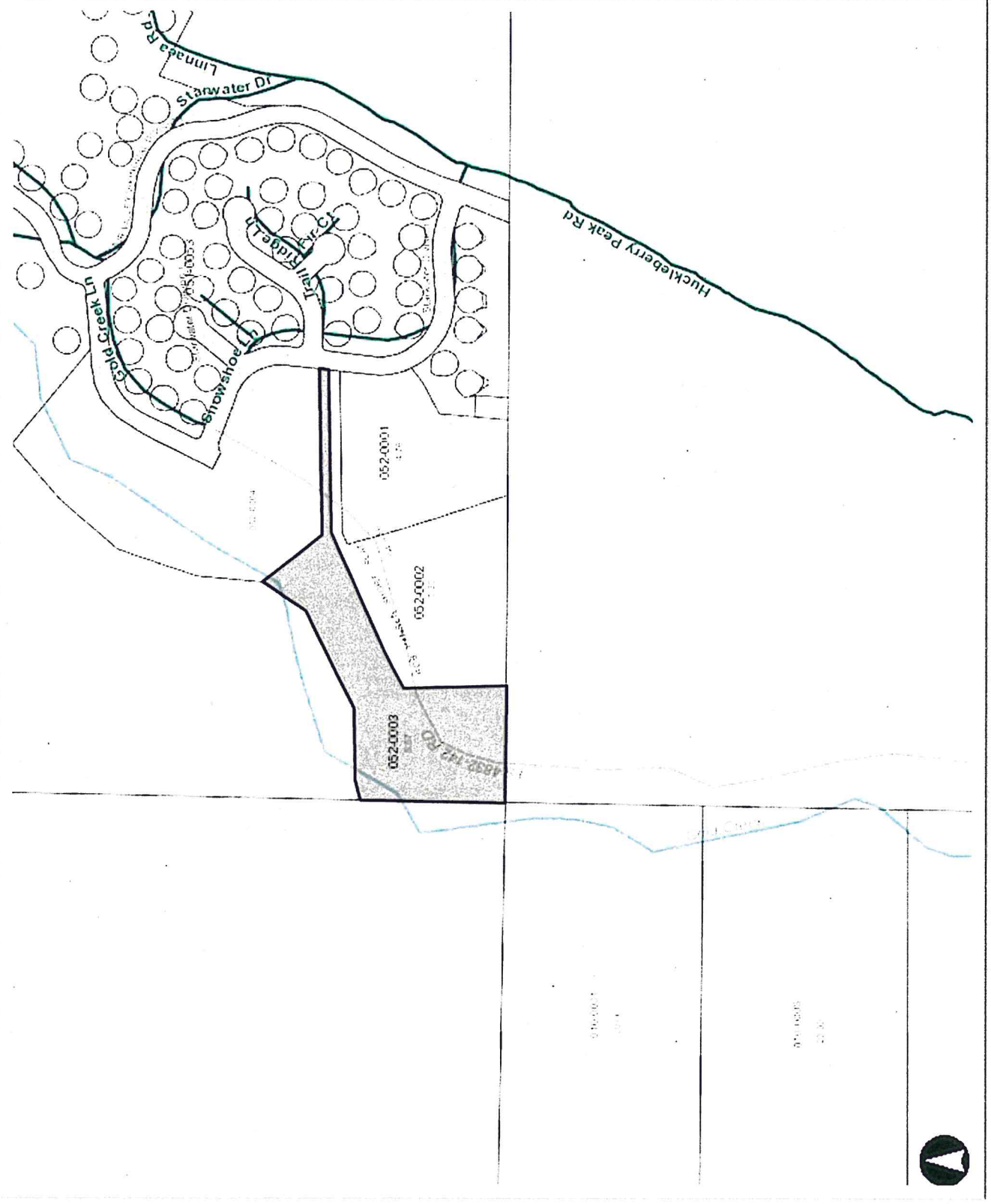
Described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 11, Township 22 North, Range 11 East, W.M.
Thence North 00°24'40" East along the West line of said Section a distance of 424.90 feet;
Thence North 80°00'00" East a distance of 64.35 feet;
Thence North 89°00'00" East a distance of 235.00 feet;
Thence North 66°00'00" East a distance of 340.00 feet;
Thence North 37°00'00" East a distance of 160.00 feet;
Thence South 40°41'14" East a distance of 234.21 feet;
Thence South 89°54'36" East a distance of 520.05 feet to the Westerly margin of Snow Shoe Lane;
Thence South 6°07'00" West along said Westerly margin a distance of 30.17 feet;
Thence North 89°54'36" West a distance of 512.65 feet;
Thence South 74°02'27" West a distance of 538.50 feet;
Thence South 00°24'40" West a distance of 351.22 feet to the South line of said section;
Thence North 89°54'36" West along said section a distance of 344.90 feet more or less to the point of beginning.
Kittitas County, State of Washington

Abbreviated Legal: Being a portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 22 North, Range 11 East W.M

Purported Address:

189 Snowshoe Lane
Snoqualmie Pass, Washington 98068







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To: KITTITAS COUNTY TREASURE 7/15/2013

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INVOICE NUMBER	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DISCOUNT	NET AMOUNT
062113	6/21/2013	6/13 APPLICATION OPEN SPACE GOLD CREEK	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
		Totals:	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00