Board members present: Chairman David Bowen; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich; Commissioner Perry Huston.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jeff Tayer, Department of Fish & Wildlife and 7 others.

**REPORT**  
**ELK DAMAGE & OFF RD. VEHICLE USE**  
**COMMISSIONERS**

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Bowen opened a special meeting to hear information on Elk damage and off road vehicle use on Department lands.

Jeff Tayer, representing the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife made introductions. He explained there was damage being done by elk in the Parke Creek area. There are certain activities going on in the area including off road vehicle use on department lands that are causing the elk to go onto private property. He said there are a lot more people using the wildlife areas and the elk are going down to lower elevations earlier in the year.

Copies of the following materials were distributed: Conflict Resolution By Adaptive Management: Moving Elk Where They Want To Go; Chapter 8 - Elk Use of Private Land Refuges; Chapter 9 - Overview and Management Recommendations; and the Effects of Roads on Elk in Forested Ecosystems - What Do We Know?

Mr. Tayer said they would like to start some dialogue with the community. They have a public meeting scheduled for September 20th at the Hal Holmes Community Center to try and get some creative thinking going on to see what can be done with the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Julie A. Kjorsvik  
David B. Bowen, Chairman