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January 16, 2024

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Dear King County Councilmembers and Executive Constantine,

On December 18, 2023, Commissioner Franz notified the Council and County Executive via letter that a parcel within King County had been preliminarily selected to be included in the 2,000 acres of structurally complex, carbon dense forestland to be set aside directed by the Legislature's Natural Climate Solutions proviso. A letter of concurrence from the county legislative body was requested by January 31, 2024.

We realize that the turnaround time for a presentation to the Council, discussion by the Council, and possible subsequent drafting of a concurrence letter by January 31, 2024, may not be possible.

King County Council

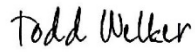
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We want to give Councilmembers every opportunity to research and discuss the impacts and benefits of this project and look forward to connecting with Council, presenting the material, and answering any questions that you may have. To ensure that the department can begin identifying replacement lands for King County and its junior taxing district beneficiaries we do request that the council provide any concurrence as soon as practicable.

We are eager to present to the Council and discuss the parcel in question in King County. Please contact Sarah Ogden, Trust Outreach Specialist, at [sarah.ogden@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:sarah.ogden@dnr.wa.gov) and she can coordinate a discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Welker". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Todd Welker  
Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

