



## King County

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The Honorable Dave Upthegrove  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits Analysis of Mature Forests in King County, Report 1. This is the first of two reports pursuant to Metropolitan King County Council Motion 16437, which requests the Executive to identify and analyze mature forests in King County and transmit two reports. These reports were initially due to Council on June 30 and September 30, 2024, but extensions were granted by the sponsors, and the amended due dates are September 15 and December 15, 2024, respectively.

This report provides analysis results as required by the motion, including a definition of mature forests, the extent and location of mature forests subject to timber harvest, ownership information, and a consideration of Tribal governments that should be consulted when considering potential methods for transfer of state-owned mature forests to King County ownership or management.

The results of this report will inform a subsequent analysis of greenhouse gas and revenue impacts of potential transfers of ownership or management to King County, which will be included in the second of two reports required by Motion 16437 to be transmitted to Council by December 15, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. The important work discussed in the report will help King County make forest management recommendations and decisions that will be of great benefit to the people and environment of King County for generations to come.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Josh Baldi, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-9440.

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Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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