



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 26, 2010

Motion 13210

Proposed No. 2010-0195.1

**Sponsors Ferguson, Phillips, Hague, Gossett
and von Reichbauer**

1 A MOTION expressing the council's support for the
2 preservation of currently unprotected areas of the Cascade
3 Mountain range.

4 WHEREAS, our national forest and national park lands in the North Cascades
5 Mountains are a treasured resource for their conservation, recreation, research, and
6 economic values, and

7 WHEREAS, more than forty years after the North Cascades National Park was
8 created, pristine rivers and streams, scenic mountains, lowland old growth forests,
9 essential wildlife habitats and popular recreation sites surrounding the park still remain
10 unprotected by national park or wilderness designation, and

11 WHEREAS, many of the projects that were cited as reasons for keeping certain
12 areas undesignated as park or wilderness areas have since been abandoned, and

13 WHEREAS, these areas should now become protected in the absence of those
14 projects in order to preserve the pristine state of the North Cascades Mountains, and

15 WHEREAS, local gateway community and regional economies depend on high-
16 value recreation and tourism opportunities provided by the North Cascades, and

17 WHEREAS, all Washington state residents depend on a healthy environment to
18 sustain commerce, green jobs, ecosystem services and a cherished quality of life, and

19 WHEREAS, regional climate change and human population growth in the Puget
20 Sound threaten the water supplies, aquatic ecosystems, wildlife habitats, old growth
21 forests and outstanding recreation opportunities provided by the North Cascades, and

22 WHEREAS, these treasured resources can only be permanently and completely
23 preserved through congressional designation of new park and wilderness lands, and

24 WHEREAS, conservation groups have initiated the American Alps Legacy
25 Project to preserve public lands around the North Cascades National Park;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

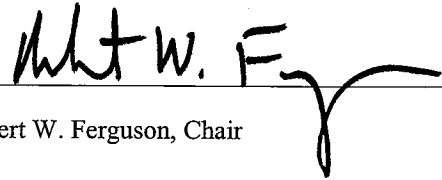
27 The King County council approves of and supports efforts by the North Cascades
28 Conservation Council to complete the conservation vision for the North Cascades

29 through congressional designation of additional park and wilderness lands in the
30 American Alps Study Area.
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Motion 13210 was introduced on 3/22/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 4/26/2010, by the following vote:

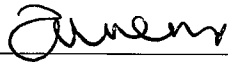
Yes: 8 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms.
Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None