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Introduction

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages more than 3 million acres of state trust forest, agricultural, range, and commercial properties. Revenue earned from the sale of valuable materials and the use of these trust lands helps to fund and support schools, universities, capitol buildings, and state institutions. It also helps fund essential local services in many counties.

However, state trust lands also provide important habitat for fish and wildlife and are increasingly used by the general public for recreation and educational opportunities.

**DNR strives to maximize the amount of revenue earned from state trust lands while balancing financial need with the important ecological benefits of these lands.**

Opportunities for strong economic returns will always be the primary focus of some DNR managed lands, while others possess important social or ecological features. It is sometimes more desirable that certain special lands be designated and managed primarily for conservation, open space or recreation purposes. In order to best meet the often vastly different objectives of sustaining a dependable source of revenue and providing places for valuable non-revenue generating activities, it can be beneficial to reclassify or reposition certain assets.

To achieve this, DNR has consolidated trust lands through land sales, transfers, exchanges, and acquisitions to improve manageability. Low-income producing properties have been sold and replaced or exchanged with properties that can be managed for greater returns for trust beneficiaries.

Photo 1: Dungeness River and River Road project
The Trust Land Transfer (TLT) program is an additional tool that enables DNR to retain special lands in public ownership while sustaining and improving potential future economic returns for trust beneficiaries.

When it is determined that certain trust lands provide greater social benefit through non-revenue activities, the program compensates the trust for land converted from a revenue generation status to a conservation or open space function while providing funding to purchase new lands elsewhere that will contribute continued trust revenue for future generations.

Image 2: Conceptual rendering of the River Road project “Proposed Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir for water storage and recreation

How the Program Works

Each biennium, DNR identifies a list of candidate trust land properties for consideration by the Legislature for inclusion in the TLT program. The typical properties identified are nominated because they possess low potential for income
production due to factors such as critical fish and wildlife habitat, public use demands, environmental and social concerns, and other issues that complicate income production.

The DNR coordinates the review and prioritization of the proposed list of transfer properties with other state agencies and programs. Candidate properties are screened for special characteristics that distinguish the property from other income producing trust assets.

An appropriate and receptive public agency or program is identified to receive and manage each of the candidate properties. The list is assembled into an informational package, with maps and property descriptions, that is presented to the Board of Natural Resources and then to the Governor’s Office for submission to the Legislature.

The legislature reviews the proposal, determines the makeup of the final package, and sets an appropriation funding level. If approved, the transfer package is authorized and funded as a section in the Capital Budget Bill.

DNR is then authorized to implement the program and endeavors to complete the transfers within the biennium. Each transfer is presented to the Board of Natural Resources for final consideration.

At transfer, the timber value is deposited into the Common School Construction Account and the land value is deposited into the Real Property Replacement Account.

Figure 1: Trust Land Transfer Diagram
The timber value is then available for distribution by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to fund school construction (K-12) within the current biennium. The land value is used by DNR to acquire other lands when opportunities present themselves at a future date.

The land is transferred, unaltered, to the appropriate receiving agency for management and protection of the special resource. A deed restriction is recorded that permanently dedicates the land for the intended public use.

Historical Summary 1989 – 2015

The Trust Land Transfer Program has transferred or leased land and timber to DNR’s Natural Area Preserve and/or Natural Resources Conservation Areas, State Parks, State Fish and Wildlife, city and county governments, and local public park districts.

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Historical Trust Land Transfer Investments

Projects Proposed for 2017 - 2019

The following pages include location maps and narratives for each of the ten Trust Land Transfer projects proposed for the 2017-2019 biennium.
## Property List

*Values shown are only estimates

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**Totals** | | | **2,811** | **15,822,000** | **14,243,000** | **30,065,000**

*All properties are proposed as fee transfers.

Actual values to be determined by appraisal at time of transfer.
MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALMIE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2017 - 2019 TRUST LAND TRANSFER

KING COUNTY

T23N, R9E,
PORTION OF
SECTION 28

TRANSFER PARCEL
Property boundaries may vary at time of transfer

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MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALMIE
Department of Natural Resources
2017-19 Trust Land Transfer Project

RECEIVING AGENCY: DNR Natural Areas

ACRES: 121

COUNTY: King

TRUST: State Forest Land Trust (Trust 01) and King County Water Pollution Control District (WPCD) Trust (Trust 77)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space or recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property is located in eastern King County adjacent to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resource Conservation Area (NRCA) and Interstate 90 (I-90). Transfer of this property to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA will provide important protection for a portion of the South Fork Snoqualmie River, protect fish and wildlife, and provide public access to this river for low-impact recreation.

This property is currently designated State Forest Land Trust and King County Water Pollution Control District Trust and will need to be exchanged for comparably valued Common School Trust land to complete the transfer.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. This property protects and provides low-impact recreational access to the South Fork Snoqualmie River. This property is also adjacent to I-90 and within the Mountains to Sound Greenway and is one of the first properties viewed by motorists as they begin to ascend Snoqualmie Pass. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Section 28, Township 23 North, Range 9 East, W.M., King County, Washington.
RECEIVING AGENCY: DNR Natural Areas

ACRES: 97

COUNTY: King

TRUST: State Forest Land Trust (Trust 01) and Scientific School Trust (Trust 10)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space or recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property is forested and located in eastern King County near the West Tiger Mountain Natural Resource Conservation Area (NRCA), Interstate 90 (I-90) and the Raging River. Transfer of this property to the West Tiger Mountain NRCA would provide protection for a portion of the Raging River, protect fish and wildlife, protect the I-90 Greenway view shed, and provide future public access to the East Tiger Trail system.

This property is currently designated State Forest Land Trust and Scientific School Trust and will need to be exchanged for comparably valued Common School Trust land to complete the transfer.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. This transfer will protect the view shed for motorists along I-90 in the Preston area and support conservation efforts of the Mountains to Sound Greenway. Tributary streams of the Raging River are located on this property and conservation will assist with water quality and salmon recovery efforts in eastern King County. This transfer will protect an older aged timber stand that is located on steeper slopes above the Raging River and I-90. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of Sections 32, 33, Township 24 North, Range 7 East, W.M., Portions of Sections 4, 5, Township 23 North, Range 7 East, W.M., All in King County, Washington.
DEVILS LAKE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2017 - 2019 TRUST LAND TRANSFER

JEFFERSON COUNTY

TRANSFER PARCEL
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DEVELS LAKE
Department of Natural Resources
2017-19 Trust Land Transfer Project

RECEIVING AGENCY: DNR Natural Areas
ACRES: 370
COUNTY: Jefferson
TRUST: Common School (Trust 03)
PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space or recreation
TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This forested property is located in eastern Jefferson County south of Quilcene and adjacent to the Devils Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA). This property has frontage along Puget Sound and forests with rare plant communities.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. Transfer of this property into the Devils Lake NRCA will protect one mile of Puget Sound shoreline, help to maintain Puget Sound water quality and aquaculture, protect high quality and rare plant communities, protect native genetic tree diversity, and provide for additional low-impact recreational opportunities for the public. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Section 36, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington.
CAREY CREEK
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2017 - 2019 TRUST LAND TRANSFER

Tiger Mountain
State Forest

King County
Taylor Mountain Forest

T23N R6E
Common School Trust

TRANSFER PARCEL
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KING COUNTY
T23N, R6E,
PORTION OF
SECTION 36

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CAREY CREEK
Department of Natural Resources
2017-19 Trust Land Transfer Project

RECEIVING AGENCY: King County

ACRES: 103

COUNTY: King

TRUST: Common School (Trust 03)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space or recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property is located in eastern King County south of Tiger Mountain State Forest and adjacent to Carey Creek. Transfer of this forested property to King County Parks would provide protection for Carey Creek.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. Transfer of this property to King County Parks would provide protection for Carey Creek, which provides important habitat for federally listed Puget Sound Chinook salmon along with Coho, Sockeye, Steelhead and Cutthroat. This project will complement past King County investments along Carey Creek for fish and wildlife habitat, species migration corridors and open space. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Section 36, Township 23 North, Range 6 East, W.M., King County, Washington.
DABOB BAY
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2017 - 2019 TRUST LAND TRANSFER

JEFFERSON COUNTY
PORTIONS OF SECTION 13, 15
22, 26, 27, 34
PORTIONS OF SECTION 2, 3

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DABOB BAY
Department of Natural Resources
2017-19 Trust Land Transfer Project

RECEIVING AGENCY: DNR Natural Areas

ACRES: 900

COUNTY: Jefferson

TRUST: Common School (Trust 03) and State Forest Land Trust (Trust 01)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space or recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This trust property is located in Hood Canal south of the existing Dabob Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area lands. Transfer of this forested property to the Dabob Bay NRCA would provide important protection for two rare and high quality plant communities, provide wildlife habitat for many animal species, and help to preserve the water quality of Puget Sound.

A portion of the property is currently designated State Forest Land Trust and will need to be exchanged for comparably valued Common School Trust land to complete the transfer.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. The Dabob Bay area is one of the highest quality estuaries in Puget Sound and provides important salmon spawning and rearing habitat. The conservation of this property will also provide wildlife habitat and public open space benefits for this scenic area of the Olympic Peninsula. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portions of Sections 13, 15, 22, 26, 27, 34, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, W.M.; Portions of Sections 2, 3, Township 26 North, Range 1 West, W.M., All in Jefferson County, Washington.
ISSAQUAH CREEK
Department of Natural Resources
2017-19 Trust Land Transfer Project

RECEIVING AGENCY: King County

ACRES: 180

COUNTY: King

TRUST: State Forest Land Trust (Trust 01)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space or recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This forested property consists of two parcels located in eastern King County south of Tiger Mountain State Forest and near Issaquah Creek. Transfer of this property to King County Parks would provide undeveloped open space and wildlife habitat near Issaquah Creek. The northern parcel has a stream present which connects to Issaquah Creek and the southern parcel has a large freshwater wetland on the property. Older forest conditions (80+ years) are present on both properties.

The property is currently designated State Forest Land Trust and will need to be exchanged for comparably valued Common School Trust land to complete the transfer.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of forest property that is difficult to manage for timber production. This transfer will help to preserve the water quality of Issaquah Creek, which is used for spawning and rearing habitat for threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon and other salmonids. Issaquah Creek has been determined to be one of the three most important creeks in King County for salmon habitat and salmon recovery. This property also provides open space for a highly developed rural residential area. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Section 26, Township 23 North, Range 6 East, W.M., King County, Washington.
BURLEY OLALLA  
Department of Natural Resources  
2017-19 Trust Land Transfer Project

RECEIVING AGENCY: Kitsap County  
ACRES: 320  
COUNTY: Kitsap  
TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03)  
PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space or recreation  
TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of forested land in southeastern Kitsap County adjacent to Highway 16. Transfer of this property to Kitsap County Parks would provide undeveloped open space and outdoor recreation for this highly developed portion of the county. The topography is rolling and provides hiking opportunities.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. Residents of west Puget Sound currently hike and bike on this forested property and this property has future potential for many types of recreational uses. The county road and nearby State Highway 16 interchange provides for ease of access to this property by the public. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

East 1/2 of Section 36, Township 23 North, Range 1 East, W.M., Kitsap County, Washington.
CHELATCHIE
Department of Natural Resources
2017-19 Trust Land Transfer Project

RECEIVING AGENCY: Clark County

ACRES: 80

COUNTY: Clark

TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space or recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of forest and pasture land in northeastern Clark County with an abandoned railroad line (Chelatchie Prairie Railroad) in the center of the parcel. The northeast portion of this property already has a paved portion of this trail and the long-term vision is that this trail will extend south to Vancouver.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. Transfer of this property to Clark County Parks would help extend the Chelatchie Prairie Rails-to-Trails project and provide future public opportunities for a trailhead or other public recreation or wildlife habitat amenities. The trail starts at Battle Ground Lake State Park heading in a southerly direction towards Battle Ground with the goal of the trail reaching into northern Vancouver. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 2 East, W.M., Clark County, Washington.
RECEIVING AGENCY: Clallam County

ACRES: 400

COUNTY: Clallam

TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space, reservoir or recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of forested land near Sequim in eastern Clallam County that is adjacent to the Dungeness River.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. The goal for the property is to convert the center portion into a water storage reservoir area for the Dungeness River. This reservoir capacity will assist with groundwater recharge, water storage, water irrigation and supplement late summer water flows for the Dungeness River. The county anticipates that fish and wildlife habitat will be improved along with maintaining water supplies for farmers and residents. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Portion of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 4 West, W.M., Clallam County, Washington.
VILLIER ROAD
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2017 - 2019 TRUST LAND TRANSFER

STEVENS COUNTY
T27N, R41E,
PORTION OF
SECTION 16

TRANSFER PARCEL
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RECEIVING AGENCY: Lake Spokane Parks District and/or Stevens County

ACRES: 240

COUNTY: Stevens

TRUST: Common School Trust (Trust 03)

PROPOSED USE: Fish and wildlife habitat, open space or recreation

TRANSFER TYPE: Fee

CHARACTERISTICS:

This property consists of lightly forested land near the Suncrest community in southern Stevens County located on Long Lake. This property is adjacent to Lake Spokane Parks and Recreation District property and 40 acres are under lease to the Parks District.

BENEFITS:

The trust benefits from the transfer of property that is difficult to manage for timber production. This transfer will add additional level recreational and open space land to the Lake Spokane Parks and Recreation District in the most densely populated portion of southern Stevens County. This area continues to increase in population and this new acreage will meet the current and future needs of the public for this growing area. Timber values will be deposited to benefit statewide K-12 school construction projects. The land value of the transferred parcels will be re-invested in property with potential for generating increased future income for the Common School Trust beneficiary.

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