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Washington State Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Commissioner Franz,

The Moulton Falls trail in northern Clark County connects two large county regional parks, Lucia Falls Regional Park and Moulton Falls Regional Park. The old growth natural beauty of the area is made accessible to many types of users – including walkers, bicyclists, individuals with disabilities, and horseback riders – on the flat, wide, paved trail. Simply put, this area is an incredible asset to our county and our state.

Recently, the Clark County Council became aware of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) plans to harvest timber in Unit 1 on the hillside near the Hantwick Road Trailhead. Given the proximity to the recreational uses along the very popular trail and the two regional parks, the County Council has concerns about the proposed timber sale.

We appreciate DNR recently coming to speak to the County Council regarding the proposed timber sale, and for agreeing to pause plans for the timber sale during these conversations. We further understand the land in question is state trust land and, that if the land were to be transferred to county ownership, the state must be adequately compensated. The Council discussed the issue, and we are interested in hearing proposed options from DNR to see if we can find mutually agreeable terms that will transfer the land to the county.

The scenery, habitat, and recreational opportunities in this area are invaluable. The County Council would like to further discuss options for next steps to see if there are feasible and agreeable options to transfer the land to county ownership so the county may preserve this wonderful asset. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,




Eileen Quiring, County Council Chair




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