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| WRIA 8: Cougar-Squak Corridor Addition (Ingrid Lundin, Parks) |
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| <i>Parks Levy Request</i> | \$1,500,000 |
| <i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i> | \$500,000 <i>(match is requested Parks Levy funds)</i> |
| <i>Subtotal: CFT + Parks Levy Request</i> | \$2,000,000 |

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| <i>Total Project Cost</i> | \$4,500,000 |
| <i>Funding Already Secured</i> | None – may be able to reallocate CFT/Parks Levy |
| <i>Additional Funding Sought</i> | Future CFT/Parks Levy, possibly RCO |
| <i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i> | No |

Project Description: Acquire up to ~216 acres (6 parcels) adjacent to Cougar-Squak Corridor, 2 miles south of Issaquah.

Acquire up to ~216 acres owned by a single landowner adjacent to Cougar-Squak Corridor, the former Issaquah Camping Club property. Property was purchased in December 2012. Landowner is considering options for the property including sale, harvest and sale, and development. The potential forest harvest and/or development of site is the concern of a vocal campaign led by Issaquah Alps Trails Club, which has been successful at getting the attention of the Executive Office and Council, media outlets, neighbors, stakeholder groups.

Owner estimates value at \$4.5 million for all 6 parcels, \$2 million of which is timber value. Owner says he will only work with us on an approach to purchase all parcels, he would not sell off single parcels without an agreement on an overall site purchase. The highest priorities for us would be the 103-acre triangular parcel which is adjacent to existing lands, and which contains the most mature forest and opportunity for trail connection; and a linkage from parking on SR 900 to this land. Trust for Public Land may be interested in helping on acquisition to perform appraisal and secure option with owner.

Landowner will be logging these lands in next few years. If we are committed to fundraising in 2014 & 2015 to close in 2015, we may be able to work with landowner on his approach to harvesting the site. Landowner may also be considering harvesting and selling to private individuals and/or developers, therefore the sooner we have certainty the better.

Habitat Benefit: Part of significant corridor of public land between Cougar Mountain and Squak Mountain State Park. The county's wildlife habitat network mapped just north of the property through Cougar-Squak Corridor. Protection from development for May Creeks.

Recreation Benefit: Trail use, and parking on SR 900.

Plan Priority: N/A

Greenprint Value: Medium to Low (ecological)

Parcels included in Scope: 052306-9030 (103 ac), 062306-9014 (N/A), 062306-9031 (26 ac), 062306-9052 (20.90 ac), 072306-9001 (24 ac), 052306-9020 (N/A).