

**Attachment 2:  
Project Descriptions of DNRP's 2016 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals**

**WRIA 7: Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area Additions (Kelly Heintz, Parks)**

<b><i>PL Request</i></b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b><i>CFT Request</i></b> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	<b>\$200,000</b> <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
<b><i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i></b>	<b>\$225,000</b>

<b><i>Total Project Cost</i></b>	<b>Estimating \$650K for development rights esmt</b>
<b><i>Funding Already Secured</i></b>	\$425,000 past CFT/PL
<b><i>Additional Funding Sought</i></b>	None
<b><i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i></b>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities; there may be additional future requests for project.

***Project Description:*** Easement acquisition on five parcels (80 acres) adjacent to WADNR's Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA; WADNR is the likely purchaser of underlying fee.

These proposed additions to King County's Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area (and WADNR's Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA) are located about 10 miles east of North Bend. These acquisitions are some of the few remaining privately owned parcels in the Middle Fork. The paving of the 12-mile road into the Middle Fork in the near future will dramatically change the levels of public use in this region.

These parcels are undeveloped forestland (in the FPD) which are immediately adjacent to WADNR's newly improved Mailbox Peak. WADNR has an undersized parking lot serving this property, and acquisition of these target parcels could help expand parking capacity but also preserve forested lands as part of the overall WADNR NRCA. There is one parcel that lies north of the road that is not considered a priority for acquisition due to lower conservation value and owner's interest to retain.

Parks is pursuing this acquisition at the direction of DNRP director's office. Forterra, Mountains to Sound Greenway, TPL and WADNR have strategized how to protect these parcels adjacent to WADNR land.

King County funds will acquire development rights. WADNR has \$400K available for the fee acquisition and is working on fundraising. TPL may be willing to use its funds to purchase the property in advance of the county and WADNR securing full funding.

***Habitat Benefit:*** Mid Fork Snoqualmie NA is a Waterways 2000 property (high value habitat)

***Recreation Benefit:*** Will become part of WADNR's Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resource Conservation Area; trails in the NRCA provide opportunities for passive recreation and to study the ecology older forest ecosystems and stream systems.

***Plan Priority:*** Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area Site Management Plan recommends "acquiring future acquisitions to buffer the natural area, provide connection between natural area and other resource lands and preserve habitat corridors within the area." This area prioritized in the draft WADNR Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Plan.

***Parcels included in scope:*** Priority: 202309-9001 (40.55 ac), 2023099035 (2.48 ac.), 202309-9036 (12.24 ac), 202309-9037 (12.35 ac), 202309-9038 (12.45 ac). *Add scope:* 202309-9034, see map.