

Attachment 2:
Project Descriptions of DNRP's 2017 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals

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

<i>PL Request</i>	\$59,305
<i>CFT Request (CFT match status)</i>	\$59,305 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$118,610

Total Project Cost	\$118,610
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	None
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None
<i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities.

Project Description: Fee acquisition of a single inholder parcel (6.5 acres) adjacent to King County Parks' Middle Fork Snoqualmie NA and WADNR's Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA.

This proposed addition to King County's Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area is located about 10 miles east of North Bend. The parcel is one of the last remaining private inholdings in the Middle Fork, which encompasses over 100,000 acres of public land owned by the USFS, WADNR and King County. 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.

Acquisition of this parcel has long been a priority for many stakeholder groups and is supported by the multi-agency MidForc Concept Plan and Washington Department of Natural Resources Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan. If these targeted properties are not acquired, they could be converted for residential and private use, causing loss of forest cover, fragmentation and degradation to important fish and wildlife habitat, impacts to the scenic character and reduced opportunities for low impact recreational use in a highly popular visited area of the county.

Habitat Benefit: The Middle Fork Snoqualmie River is a Class 1 Stream and a Shoreline of Statewide Significance. In addition, the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area is a Waterways 2000 area.

Recreation Benefit: Will become part of King County's Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area. Prevents encroaching access by inholders through the area, supporting public passive recreational use.

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." MidForc Concept Plan and Washington Department of Natural Resources Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan.

Parcels included in scope: Priority: 112309-9023 (6.5 ac). Also in scope: 112309-9020, -9021, -9026.