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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.*

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Title *Field not completed.*

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First Name Jennifer

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Last Name Mackey

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Today's Date 11/28/2023

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Street Address [REDACTED]

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City [REDACTED]

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Zip [REDACTED]

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Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

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Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

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Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

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Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

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Email Address [REDACTED]

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### Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Forest Resilience Task Force

Forest Resilience Task Force	Community member with expertise in owning and/or managing forest lands for conservation purposes
2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 4
4. Are you a US citizen?	Yes
5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?	No
8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?	Yes
If yes, please explain	I am the Stewardship Director at Whatcom Land Trust, a nonprofit organization that collaborates with various departments of Whatcom County and undergoes permitting just like any other Whatcom County landowner.
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of	<i>Field not completed.</i>

experience,  
qualifications, &  
interest in response to  
the following questions

9. Please describe your  
occupation (or former  
occupation if retired),  
qualifications,  
professional and/or  
community activities,  
and education

I graduated from Western Washington University in 2009 with a degree in Environmental Science and a double emphasis in Terrestrial and Freshwater Ecology, and later received a GIS Certificate. For 8 years following, I worked for various ecological and habitat restoration organizations, primarily in Whatcom County. Since 2017, I have been the Stewardship Director of Whatcom Land Trust (WLT). In this role, I manage the land in WLT ownership, which is currently about 6,500 acres in Whatcom County, in addition to working with landowners on our various Conservation Easement properties totaling another approximately 10,000 acres. The land we own is primarily forested land managed for conservation purposes. We strive to actively manage our properties to ensure their resiliency into the future. We protect and improve habitat for all species of fish and wildlife and incorporate a landscape-level approach in our management decisions. We are currently pursuing pre-commercial and commercial harvests to thin our densely stocked stands, in which current science shows that this will improve forest resiliency and get the forest to an old-growth-like state faster. I additionally participated in Nooksack Indian Tribe's planning for their Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

10. Please describe  
why you're interested  
in serving on this board  
or commission

As the land manager of over 6,500 acres and counting in Whatcom County that is primarily forested land, I am interested in working with a team to develop an even broader landscape-level forest plan in Whatcom County. Planning for a resilient future must involve multiple local stakeholders to be successful, and Whatcom Land Trust is uniquely qualified to participate. I am also personally interested in participating in the discussion of how our forest lands are managed, and believe a change is currently needed. Active management can mean a spectrum of things depending on the overarching goals and objectives. At the same time, not managing a forest can be just as detrimental as actively managing a forest inappropriately due to the historic impact we have made to the landscape. The importance of these activities is only exacerbated in the face of climate change. With my educational background, hands-on experience, and collaborative approaches, I believe I would be a great addition to this Task Force.

References (please  
include daytime  
telephone number):

- Jenn Parker (DNR) 206-734-1359;  
- Chris Hankey (DNR) 360-854-2811;  
- Rob Janicki (Janicki Logging) - 360-770-4960;

Appointment  
Requirements

I understand and agree

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Signature of applicant: Jennifer Mackey

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Place Signed /  
Submitted



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