




MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Sidhu and Members of the County Council

FROM: Michael McFarlane, Director 

DATE: December 18th, 2020

RE: Site Access Agreement with University of Washington for Seismic Monitoring Equipment at South Fork Park

Enclosed is a site access agreement between Whatcom County and the University of Washington for access and installation of seismic monitoring equipment at South Fork Park. This monitoring equipment is part of the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) and will detect and provide an early warning of an earthquake event in the South Fork Valley area. I am requesting the County Executive be authorized to enter into the agreement.

I have reviewed this proposal and met in the field with PNSN staff to identify an appropriate location that is both secure and will not interfere with use of the park. I have also attached additional information on the project. Whatcom County is being asked to provide the location for the seismic monitor on the park property and the University/PNSN will provide all equipment, installation, monitoring and maintenance of the equipment at their expense.

Please feel free to contact me at 5855 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you.