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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Whatcom County Council
The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager
Chris Elder, Senior Planner 

DATE: July 12, 2022

RE: Discussion of Conservation Easement on Stewart Mountain Community Forest
Phase I

Requested Action

Staff requests review and discussion of the draft conservation easement to be enacted on Phase I of the Stewart Mountain Community Forest.

Background and Purpose

Council approved Ordinance 2022-047 authorizing \$1,500,000 in Conservation Futures Funds to support acquisition of Phase I of the Stewart Mountain Community Forest and secure a conservation easement on the acreage. Whatcom Land Trust will purchase the property using these funds and a conservation easement granted to Whatcom County will be enacted at the time of property acquisition. The draft easement represents recommended language by the administration. Staff would like to review and discuss the easement draft with Council.

Please contact Chris Elder at extension 6225, if you have any questions or concerns.

Encl.
Draft Easement