

PROPOSED BY: _____ Parks _____
INTRODUCED: _____ 8/11/2026 _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RENAMING AN EXISTING TRAIL AT CANYON LAKE COMMUNITY FOREST IN HONOR
OF LOCAL CONSERVATIONIST RAND JACK**

WHEREAS, Randolph "Rand" Field Jack is long-time Whatcom County resident who has distinguished himself as an influential conservationist, lawyer, and educator; and

WHEREAS, Rand Jack was co-founder, in the early 1980s, of the Whatcom Land Trust and has been a leading board member for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jack is a visionary and tireless leader who has dedicated his life to the preservation of many of Whatcom County's most visually stunning and environmentally sensitive landscapes; and

WHEREAS, over his career, Mr. Jack has nurtured and develop strategic relationships and partnerships at the local, regional, and national levels and brokered agreements that have directly resulted in, or contributed to, permanent projection of nearly 20,000 acres in Whatcom County including Clark's Point, Skookum Creek, Galbraith Mountain, Lake Whatcom Park, Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve, and Governor's Point; and

WHEREAS, many of the crown jewels of Whatcom County's system of parks and open spaces have been preserved as a result of Mr. Jack's vision, leadership, and tireless advocacy during his tenure with the Whatcom Land Trust, including: Teddy Bear Cove, Lilly Point Marine Park, Stimpson Family Nature Preserve, and Canyon Lake Community Forest; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of 2,200-acre Canyon Lake Community Forest, in particular, is illustrative of Mr. Jack's influence and efforts given the complex nature of the transaction and the ecological value of the landscape protected – including one of the largest groves of old growth Alaska yellow cedar, Pacific silver fir and mountain hemlock trees in the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Parks & Recreation, in recognition of Mr. Jack's contributions to the establishment of Whatcom County's parks system and the legacy of his contributions that will allow future generations of Whatcom County residents to experience the magnificence of these spaces and the environmental benefits that they bestow, seeks Whatcom County Council support to recognize Mr. Jack's contributions by renaming a trail within Canyon Lake Community Forest in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that it authorizes renaming of the existing and currently-named 3.5 mile "Main Trail" (Exhibit A) as the "Rand Jack Forest Trail".

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

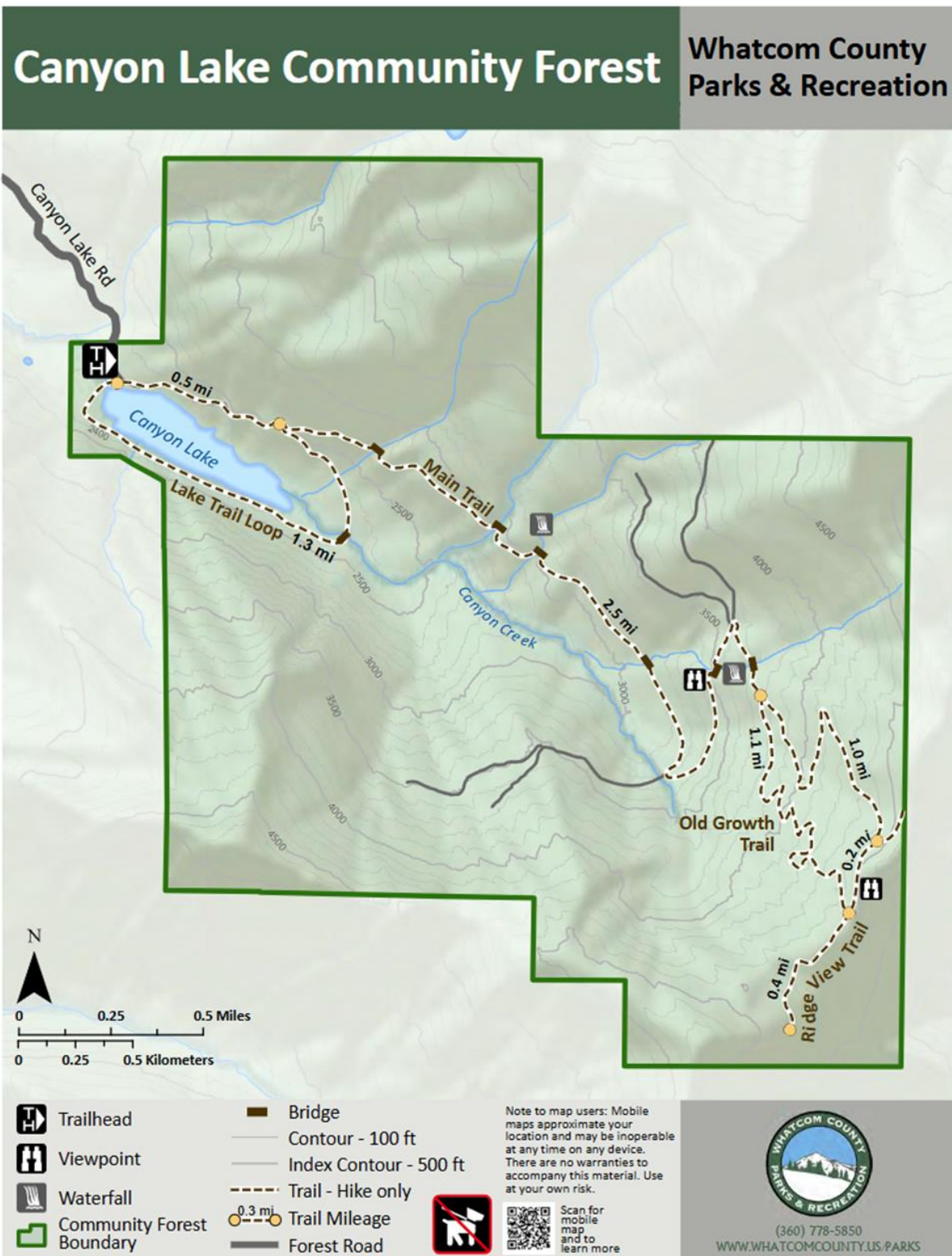
Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jesse Corkern 7.27.2026 (by email/bk)

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

EXHIBIT A



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