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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *gpk*
Douglas W. Ranney, P.E., Engineering Manager
Esther Miranda, CAP, MOS-A, Addressing Clerk

Date: February 10, 2022

Re: Ordinance to rename Bear Trap Road, a public road in Point Roberts

Requested Action

The Public Works Department requests a road name change for Bear Trap Road. The updated road name is proposed as Bear Spirit Road. Whatcom County Code 12.60.140(B) (3) was utilized to notify affected residents and prepare the enclosed staff report and ordinance.

Background and Purpose

In November 2021, Whatcom County Public Works received a request from Shauna Boyd, a current resident on this road, to rename the road due to the somewhat violent connotation that Bear "Trap" Road presents.

Public Works was in support of the request and worked with Ms. Boyd to notify all affected property owners, explain the request for the road name change and obtain any written objections. All residents were asked for their input on a potential new name. All property owners agreed to the name change and Bear Spirit Road was the residents' preferred choice. A road name change ordinance was then prepared for County Council decision.

Information

This ordinance will allow for the installation of the updated road name signs and is necessary to comply with Whatcom County Code 12.60.140 *Road name changes and procedures*. The road name change proposal was not disputed by any affected residents, What-Comm 9-1-1, or the local fire district. The total cost to replace the 2 road name signs is \$202.58, and the fees will be charged per the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule.

Please contact Douglas Ranney, Engineering Services Manager at extension 6255 with any questions regarding this ordinance.