



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution approving Whatcom County Parks & Recreation’s proposed lease of the Ostrom Conservation Site to the Nooksack Valley School District to maintain and operate the property as an outdoor education program and public site

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

The Ostrom Conservation Site has been managed by the Nooksack Valley School District for the past twenty-five years and is used by both the public and county schools for nature study. The proposed lease allows the school district to continue maintaining and operating the site as an outdoor education area for another twenty-five years. This agreement is mutually beneficial to both parties and as such there are no associated costs or payments.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
01/14/2020	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 7	Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas, and Kershner
		Nay: 0	
		Absent: 0	
01/28/2020	Council	APPROVED	
		Aye: 7	Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas, and Kershner
		Nay: 0	

Absent: 0

Attachments: Memorandum, Proposed Resolution, Lease Agreement, Notice of Hearing for 1.28.2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-003

**APPROVING NOOKSACK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEASE FOR THE OSTROM
CONSERVATION SITE**

WHEREAS, Whatcom County owns a 38.62-acre property located at 4394 South Pass Road known as the Ostrom Conservation Site; and

WHEREAS, the Nooksack Valley School District has leased and operated this area for the past twenty-five (25) years; and

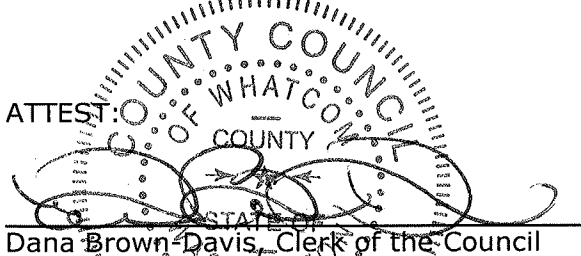
WHEREAS, the current lease agreement expires December 31, 2019; and

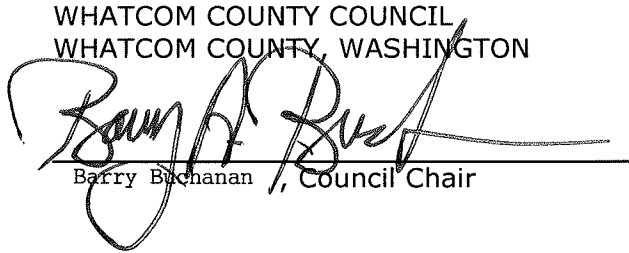
WHEREAS, the School District desires to continue this arrangement for another twenty-five years; and

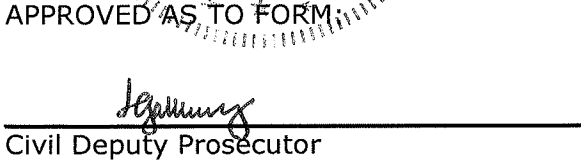
WHEREAS, this site is also available to the public and school districts throughout the Whatcom County for nature study and is of mutual benefit to all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the lease proposed by the Parks & Recreation Department with the Nooksack Valley School District be approved.

APPROVED this 28th day of January, 2020.

ATTEST: 
Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Civil Deputy Prosecutor