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Michael G. McFarlane, Director Christ Thomsen, Operations Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Council and County Executive Sidhu

FROM: Michael McFarlane, Director

DATE: December 6th, 2019

RE: Ostrom Conservation Site Lease

Enclosed is a lease agreement between Whatcom County and the Nooksack Valley School District for the County owned 38 acre Ostrom Conservation Site located on South Pass Road in Everson.

This park site has been managed by the Nooksack Valley School District for the past 25 years and is use by both the public and county schools for nature study. This lease allows the Parks & Recreation Department and the School District to continue this successful relationship for another 25 years. Under the terms of the lease, the district is responsible for all maintenance and operation of the site as an outdoor education area. There are no costs or payments associated with this agreement due to the mutual benefits to all parties.

I recommend approval.

Thank you.