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 MOTION NO. 9574



A MOTION supporting a request by the U.S. Forest Service and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to acquire natural resource lands within the Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor under the federal Forest Legacy Program.

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 USC 2101 et. seq.) established the federal Forest Legacy Program, a program designed to allow the US Department of Agriculture to work in cooperation with State, regional and local government agencies to effectively protect productive timberland while preserving environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-resource use, and to ensure that the public values of forest resources are protected for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the properties located in King County as shown on the attached map as within the "Proposed Forest Legacy Purchases" are adjacent to King County's Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area and to Tiger Mountain State Forest, and serve as a critical link in the Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor, and

WHEREAS, King County is supportive of the goals of the Mountain to Sound Greenway and believes that the Greenway provides significant benefits to the people of King County in the enhancement of major recreational opportunities, the

preservation of important wildlife habitat and watersheds, the safeguarding of critical scenic resources, and the preservation of working forests, and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Forest Legacy Purchases properties are under increasing pressure for conversion to non-resource uses, and

WHEREAS, the several private owners of these identified properties are willing sellers, and

WHEREAS, a source of funds for the acquisition of these properties has been identified within the Forest Legacy

Program, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the identified properties by the U.S. Forest Service, with management of the properties by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources through the Forest Legacy Program, would be consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies and the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan, and would be of significant benefit to the citizens of King County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:



