

June 17, 1992.

INTRODUCED BY: ^{BRIAN DERDOWSKI} AUDREY GRUGER BRUCE LAING

PROPOSED NO.: 92-484

ORDINANCE NO. **10436**

AN ORDINANCE relating to road closure; recognizing the emergency fire hazard conditions in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest lands due to the current drought conditions in the Pacific Northwest and temporarily closing the North Fork Road Southeast; and declaring an emergency.

PREAMBLE:

King County owns and maintains the North Fork Road Southeast which provides primary access to the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest lands owned by the Weyerhaeuser Company and public lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service. The severe drought conditions existing in western Washington this year have created an extraordinary fire hazard, making public access to these forest lands a dangerous risk.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1: The North Fork Road Southeast shall be closed to the public July 2, 1992, and shall remain closed until the current extraordinary fire danger to the area no longer exists.

SECTION 2: The executive shall negotiate with the property owners to define a process for closing the roadway and to establish criteria to determine the presence of extraordinary fire danger.

SECTION 3: The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing institutions.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 22nd day of June, 1992.

PASSED this 22nd day of June, 1992.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Audrey Gruger
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 2nd day of July, 1992.

Jim Hill
King County Executive