



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**April 26, 2010**

**Motion 13210**

**Proposed No. 2010-0195.1**

**Sponsors Ferguson, Phillips, Hague, Gossett  
and von Reichbauer**

1           A MOTION expressing the council's support for the  
2           preservation of currently unprotected areas of the Cascade  
3           Mountain range.

4           WHEREAS, our national forest and national park lands in the North Cascades  
5           Mountains are a treasured resource for their conservation, recreation, research, and  
6           economic values, and

7           WHEREAS, more than forty years after the North Cascades National Park was  
8           created, pristine rivers and streams, scenic mountains, lowland old growth forests,  
9           essential wildlife habitats and popular recreation sites surrounding the park still remain  
10          unprotected by national park or wilderness designation, and

11          WHEREAS, many of the projects that were cited as reasons for keeping certain  
12          areas undesignated as park or wilderness areas have since been abandoned, and

13          WHEREAS, these areas should now become protected in the absence of those  
14          projects in order to preserve the pristine state of the North Cascades Mountains, and

15          WHEREAS, local gateway community and regional economies depend on high-  
16          value recreation and tourism opportunities provided by the North Cascades, and

17          WHEREAS, all Washington state residents depend on a healthy environment to  
18          sustain commerce, green jobs, ecosystem services and a cherished quality of life, and

19           WHEREAS, regional climate change and human population growth in the Puget  
20 Sound threaten the water supplies, aquatic ecosystems, wildlife habitats, old growth  
21 forests and outstanding recreation opportunities provided by the North Cascades, and

22           WHEREAS, these treasured resources can only be permanently and completely  
23 preserved through congressional designation of new park and wilderness lands, and

24           WHEREAS, conservation groups have initiated the American Alps Legacy  
25 Project to preserve public lands around the North Cascades National Park;

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

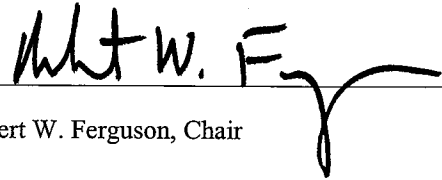
27           The King County council approves of and supports efforts by the North Cascades  
28 Conservation Council to complete the conservation vision for the North Cascades

29 through congressional designation of additional park and wilderness lands in the  
30 American Alps Study Area.  
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Motion 13210 was introduced on 3/22/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/26/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

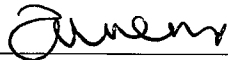
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None