

July 16, 2015

Lincoln Bormann, Director
Sand Juan County Land Bank
350 Court Street, #6
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Dear Mr. Bormann,

As long-time residents of the Olga hamlet on Orcas Island, we have been interested in the Land Bank's potential purchase of the Dickenson parcel on Cascade Creek, and are encouraged that the project has ranked well for potential Salmon Recovery funding.

We wish to express support of the Land Bank's efforts on this project. While the benefits of preserving Cascade Creek for salmon are well documented, the forest, wetland and scenic qualities of this parcel are also exceptional. Securing this acreage as a Land Bank Preserve will help protect a critical component of the Buck Bay watershed, which is being increasingly affected by upland residential development. The acquisition will also enhance the conservation value of the shoreline parcels on Buck Bay that are already protected by the Land Bank and The Preservation Trust.

In addition to the conservation values, this property is well suited for a simple walking path. It could be designed to allow enjoyment of the exceptional beauty of the land without disrupting habitat for salmon and other creatures. This type of path is something we would use, cherish, and help steward as a precious part of the Olga community.

Thank you for your efforts, and best of luck with next steps.

Sincerely,


Lorna Rhodes

Jerry Weatherman



Tina Rose



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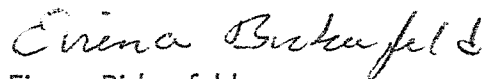
I have lived in the Olga hamlet on Orcas Island for many years and care deeply about the preservation of our local environment. I am delighted to hear about Land Bank's potential purchase of the Dickenson parcel on Cascade Creek and encouraged that the project has ranked well for potential Salmon Recovery funding.

I wish to express support of the Land Bank's efforts on this project. While the benefits of preserving Cascade Creek for salmon are well documented, the forest, wetland and scenic qualities of this parcel are also exceptional. Securing this acreage as a Land Bank Preserve will help protect a critical component of the Buck Bay watershed, which is being increasingly affected by upland residential development. The acquisition will also aid in the protection of the shoreline parcels on Buck Bay that are already protected by the Land Bank and The Preservation Trust.

The Cascade Creek property is perfect for a simple walking path. Local residents and visitors could enjoy the exceptional beauty of the land without disrupting habitat for salmon and other creatures. This type of path is something we in Olga would cherish and help steward as a precious part of our community.

Thank you for your efforts, and best of luck with next steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eirena Birkenfeld".

Eirena Birkenfeld