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OPEN SPACE TAXATION AGREEMENT

Chapter 84.34 RCW

(To be used for "Open Space", "Timber Land" Classification or "Reclassification" Only)

Grantor(s) BELL, DEVRY A & LAURIE M & SNYDER, ROBERT L & REGINA S
Grantee(s) SKAMANIA COUNTY

Legal Description 5.30 ACRES BEING A PORTION OF THE SW 1/4 - SW 1/4 - NE 1/4 SOUTH OF
LITTLE BUCK CREEK DROAD IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 3N RANGE 10 E

Assessor's Property Tax Parcel or Account Number 03-10-16-0-0-0500-00
Reference Numbers of documents Assigned or Released BOOK 108/ PAGE 623

This agreement between DEVRY A & LAURIE BELL & ROBERT L REGINA S SNYDER

hereinafter called the "Owner, and SKAMANIA COUNTY

hereinafter called the "Granting Authority".

Whereas the owner of the above described real property having made application for classification of that property under the provision of chapter 84.34 RCW.

And whereas, both the owner and granting authority agree to limit the use of said property, recognizing that such land has substantial public value as open space and that the preservation of such land constitutes an important physical, social, esthetic, and economic asset to the public, and both parties agree that the classification of the property during the life of this agreement shall be for:

☐ Open Space Land

☒ Timber Land

Now, therefore, the parties, in consideration of the mutual convenience and conditions set forth herein, do agree as follows:

1. During the term of this agreement, the land shall be used only in accordance with the preservation of its classified use.

2. No structures shall be erected upon such land except those directly related to, and compatible with, the classified use of the land.
3. This agreement shall be effective commencing on the date the legislative body receives the signed agreement from the property owner and shall remain in effect until the property is withdrawn or removed from classification.
4. This agreement shall apply to the parcels of land described herein and shall be binding upon the heirs, successors and assignees of the parties hereto.
5. **Withdrawal:** The landowner may withdraw from this agreement if, after a period of eight years, he or she files a request to withdraw classification with the assessor. Two years from the date of that request the assessor shall withdraw classification from the land, and the applicable taxes and interest shall be imposed as provided in RCW 84.34.070 and 84.34.108.
6. **Breach:** After the effective date of this agreement, any change in use of the land, except through compliance with items (5), (7), or (9), shall be considered a breach of this agreement, and shall be subject to removal of classification and liable for applicable taxes, penalties, and interest as provided in RCW 84.34.080 and RCW 84.34.108.
7. A breach of agreement shall not have occurred and additional tax shall not be imposed if removal of classification resulted solely from:
 - a) Transfer to a governmental entity in exchange for other land located within the State of Washington.
 - b) A taking through the exercise of the power of eminent domain, or sale or transfer to an entity having the power in anticipation of the exercise of such power and having manifested its intent in writing or by other official action.
 - c) A natural disaster such as a flood, windstorm, earthquake, or other such calamity rather than by virtue of the act of the land owner changing the use of such property.
 - d) Official action by an agency of the State of Washington or by the county or city where the land is located disallowing the present use of such land.
 - e) Transfer of land to a church when such land would qualify for exemption pursuant to RCW 84.36.020.
 - f) Acquisition of property interests by State agencies or agencies or organizations qualified under RCW 84.34.210 and 62.04.130 (See RCW 84.34.108(5)(f)).
 - g) Removal of land classified as farm and agricultural land under RCW 84.34.020(2)(d).
 - h) Removal of land from classification after enactment of a statutory exemption that qualifies the land for exemption and receipt of notice from the owner to remove the land from classification.
 - i) The creation, sale, or transfer of forestry riparian easements under RCW 76.13.120.
 - j) The creation, sale, or transfer of fee interest or a conservation easement for the riparian open space program under RCW 76.09.040.
8. The county assessor may require an owner to submit data relevant to continuing the eligibility of any parcel of land described in this agreement.
9. Reclassification as provided in Chapter 84.34 RCW.

This agreement shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Management of the subject parcel shall proceed as outlined in the applicant's Forest Management Plan.
2. All recommendations set out in the Forest Management Plan shall be requirements and shall be executed as specified in the plan.
3. Within three (3) years of any harvest, the harvest area should be replanted to 12'x12' spacing or contain at least 100 trees/acre of at least 20 years of age.
4. Since this application and Forest Management Plan is specific to the entire parcel, any further division of the subject parcel shall require a new management plan specific to each parcel.
5. Weeds and brush shall be suppressed until all trees exceed 6' in height.

It is declared that this agreement specifies the classification and conditions as provided for in Chapter 84.34 RCW and the conditions imposed by this Granting Authority. This agreement to tax according to the use of the property is not a contract and can be annulled or canceled at any time by the Legislature (RCW 84.34.070).

Granting Authority:

4-11-00
Date

Edward A. Bell
City or County
Title

As owner(s) of the herein described land I/we indicated by my/our signature(s) that I am/we are aware of the potential tax liability and hereby accept the classification and conditions of this agreement.

4/16/00
Date

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Sherman County Assessor

Edward A. Bell Owner(s)
Quinn Bell Owner(s)
Robert L. Snyder Owner(s)
Regina Snyder (Must be signed By All Owners)

Date signed agreement received & submitted for recording 4-24-00

Prepare in triplicate with one completed copy to each of the following: Owner, Legislative Authority, County Assessor

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APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION OR USE
(Chapters 84.33 & 84.34 RCW)

FILE WITH COUNTY ASSESSOR

County Skamania

Tax Code 110

Name of applicant Devry A & Laurie H Bell & Phone _____

Address Robert L & Regina S Snyder

Land subject to this application (Legal description) A Portion of the SW1/4-SW1/4-NE1/4 south of Little Buck Creek Road in Section 16 Township 3 N Range 10 E

Assessor's Parcel or Account Numbers 03 10 16 0 0 0500 00

Auditor's File No. on original application Book 108 Page 623

CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION
(Check appropriate box)

The land is currently classified as farm and agricultural land under RCW 84.34.020(2) and I hereby request reclassification as:

☒ Timberland as provided under RCW 84.34.020(3). (Attach completed REV 64 0021 and a timber management plan)

☐ Open Space land as provided under RCW 84.34.020(1). (Attach completed REV 64 0021)

☐ Forest Land classification under chapter 84.33 RCW. (Attach completed REV 62 0021)

☐ Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land as provided in RCW 84.34.020(1)(c). (Attach completed REV 64 0021)

The land is classified as Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land under RCW 84.34.020(1)(c) and I hereby request reclassification to:

☐ Farm and agricultural land under RCW 84.34.020(2).

The land is currently classified as timber land under RCW 84.34.020(3) and I hereby request reclassification as:

☐ Forest land classification under chapter 84.33 RCW. (Attach completed REV 62 0021)

☐ Open Space land as provided under RCW 84.34.020(1). (Attach completed REV 64 0021)

☐ Farm and agricultural land as provided under RCW 84.34.020(2). (Attach completed REV 64 0024)

Requests for transfer from Forest Land classification under provisions of Chapter 84.33 RCW to Current Use classification under Chapter 84.34 RCW should be made on REV 64 0038.

To request this form in an alternate format for the visually impaired, or a language other than English, please call (360) 753-3217. ADA accommodations available with 24 hour notification.

Attachment:

- ☐ REV 62 0021
☒ REV 64 0021
☐ REV 64 0024

REV 64 0060-1 (11-14-95)

NOTE: If the request to change classification in the situations listed above is approved, no additional taxes, interest, or penalty will be imposed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

RECLASSIFICATIONS: Are defined in RCW 84.34.070(2) as follows:

- (2) The following reclassifications are not considered withdrawals or removals and are not subject to additional tax under RCW 84.34.108:
 - (a) Reclassification between lands under RCW 84.34.020(2) and (3);
 - (b) Reclassification of land classified under RCW 84.34.020(2) or (3) or chapter 84.33 RCW to open space land under RCW 84.34.020(1);
 - (c) Reclassification of land classified under RCW 84.34.020(2) or (3) to forest land classified under chapter 84.33 RCW; and
 - (d) Reclassification of land classified as open space land under RCW 84.34.020(1)(c) and reclassified to farm and agricultural land under RCW 84.34.020(2) if the land had been previously classified as farm and agricultural land under RCW 84.34.020(2).
- (3) Applications for reclassification shall be subject to applicable provisions of RCW 84.34.037, 84.34.035, 84.34.041, and chapter 84.33 RCW.
- (4) The income criteria for land classified under RCW 84.34.020(2)(b) and (c) may be deferred for land being reclassified from land classified under RCW 84.34.020(1)(c) or (3), or chapter 84.33 RCW into RCW 84.34.020(2)(b) or (c) for a period of up to five years from the date of reclassification. [1922 c 69 § 10]

FARM AND AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION LAND: is defined in RCW 84.34.020(5)(a & b) as follows:

- (8) "Farm and agricultural conservation land" means either:
 - (a) Land that was previously classified under subsection (2) of this section, that no longer meets the criteria of subsection (2) of this section, and that is reclassified under subsection (1) of this section; or
 - (b) Land that is traditional farmland that is not classified under chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, that has not been irrevocably devoted to a use inconsistent with agricultural uses, and that has a high potential for returning to commercial agriculture. [1992 c 69 § 4]

And also defined in RCW 84.34.037(2)(c) as follows:

- (c) Whether granting the application for land applying under RCW 84.34.020(1)(c) will (i) either preserve land previously classified under RCW 84.34.020(2) or preserve land that is traditional farmland and not classified under chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, (ii) preserve land with a potential for returning to commercial agriculture, and (iii) affect any other factors relevant in weighing benefits to the general welfare of preserving the current use of property.

Date 3-8-00

Signatures of All Owner(s) or Contract Purchaser(s)

Robert L. Snyder
James L. Snyder
David M. Bell
Denny A. Bell

APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AS OPEN SPACE LAND OR TIMBER LAND
FOR CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT UNDER CH. 84.34 RCW

FILE WITH THE SKAMANIA COUNTY ASSESSOR

NAME OF APPLICANT Devry and Laurie Bell PHONE 509 493-4807
 ADDRESS 1051 Little Buck Creek Road
 PROPERTY LOCATION Underwood, 1 mile up Little Buck Cr Rd.

1. Interest in Property: ☐ Fee Owner ☒ Contract Purchaser ☐ Other (Describe) _____

2. Assessor's parcel or account number 03 10 16 0 0 0500 00
 Legal description of land to be classified T3N R10E Sec. 16

3. Land Classification that is being sought? ☐ Open Space ☒ Timber Land

NOTE: A single application may be made for both Open Space and Timber Land, but separate legal description must be furnished for each area that classification is being sought.

4. Total acres in application 6.4

5. OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION NUMBER OF ACRES 6.4

6. Indicate what category of Open Space this land will qualify for (See page 2 for definitions)

- ☐ Open Space Zoning
- ☐ Conserve and enhance natural or scenic resources
- ☐ Protect streams or water supply
- ☐ Promote conservation of soils, wetlands beaches or tidal marshes
- ☐ Enhance public recreation opportunities
- ☐ Enhance value to public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries or other Open Space
- ☐ Preserve historic sites
- ☐ Retaining natural state tracts of five (5) or more acres in urban areas and open to public use as reasonably required by granting authority.

7. TIMBER LAND CLASSIFICATION NUMBER OF ACRES 5.4

8. Do you have a Timber Management Plan for this property? ☒ Yes ☐ No

9. If you have no timber management plan, specifically detail the use of this property to show that it "is devoted primarily to the growth and harvest of forest crops".
see attached plan.

10. Describe the present current use of each parcel of land listed in this application.
The land is currently in open space and used for livestock.

11. Describe the present improvements on this property (buildings, etc.) House and barn as shown on attachment 1

12. Attach a map of the property to show an outline of current use of the property and indicate location of all buildings.
13. Is this land subject to a lease or agreement which permits any other use than its present use? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, attach a copy of the lease or agreement.

NOTICE: The Assessor may require owners to submit pertinent data regarding the use of classified land.

OPEN SPACE LAND MEANS:

- a) Any land area so Designated by an official comprehensible land use plan adopted by a city or county and zoned accordingly, or
- b) Any land area, the preservation of which in its present use would:
- i) Conserve and enhance natural or scenic resources or
 - ii) Protect streams or water supply,
 - iii) Promote conservation of soils, wetlands, beaches or tidal marshes, or
 - iv) Enhance the value to the public or abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries or other open space,
 - v) Enhance recreation opportunities or
 - vi) Preserve historic sites, or
 - vii) Retain in its natural state tracts of land not less than five (5) acres situated in an urban area and open to public use on such conditions as may be reasonably required by the legislative body granting the open space classification.

TIMBER LAND MEANS:

- a) Land in one ownership consisting of five or more acres in contiguous parcels devoted primarily to the growth and harvest of forest crops and which is not classified or designed as forest land under Chapter 84.33 RCW. Timber Land means the land only.

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL TAX, INTEREST, AND PENALTY DUE UPON REMOVAL OF CLASSIFICATION

1. Upon removal of classification, an additional tax shall be imposed which shall be due and payable to the county treasurer 30 days after removal or upon sale or transfer, unless the new owner has signed the Notice of Continuance. The additional tax shall be the sum of the following:
- a) The difference between the property tax paid as "Open Space Land" or "Timber Land" and the amount of property tax otherwise due and payable for the last seven (7) years had the land not been so classified; plus
 - b) Interest upon the amounts of the difference (a) paid at the same statutory rate charged on delinquent property taxes.
 - c) A penalty of 20% shall be applied to the additional tax if the classified land is applied to some other use, except through compliance with the property owner's request for withdrawal process, or except as a result of those conditions listed in (2) below.
2. The additional tax, interest and penalty specified in (1) above shall not be imposed if removal resulted solely from:
- a) Transfer to a governmental entity in exchange for other land located within the State of Washington.
 - b) A taking through the exercise of the power of eminent domain, or sale or transfer to an entity having the power of eminent domain in anticipation of the exercise of such power.
 - c) A natural disaster such as a flood, windstorm, earthquake, or other such calamity rather than by virtue of the act of the landowner changing the use of such property.
 - d) Official action by an agency of the State of Washington or by the County or City where the land is located disallowing the present use of such land.

- e) Transfer to a church when such land would qualify for property tax exemption pursuant to RCW 84.36.020.
- f) Acquisition of property interests by State agencies or agencies or organizations qualified under RCW 84.34.210 and 64.04.130 [See RCW 84.34.108 (5)(f)]
- g) Removal of land classified as farm and agricultural land under RCW 84.34.020 (2)(d) (farm homesite).

AFFIRMATION

As owner(s) or contract purchaser(s) of the land described in this application, I, hereby indicate by my signature that I am aware of the potential tax liability involved when the land ceases to be classified under provisions of CH. 84.34 RCW. I also declare under the penalties for false swearing that this application and my accompanying documents have been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge it is a true, correct and complete statement.

Signatures of all Owner(s) or Contract Purchaser(s)

Gaurie M. Bell
Wesley A. Bell
Robert L. Hughes
Rogina Snyder

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[All owners and purchasers - 2-5-2000]

Skamania County Assessor

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Date Application received 2/25/00
 Amount of processing fee collected \$ 200.00
PAC # PT # 170100

By DD

Transmitted to Skamania Co Date 3/14/00
Commissioners

FOR GRANTING AUTHORITY USE ONLY

Date received

By

Application approved 4-11-00 Approved in part

Denied

Owner notified of denial on

Skamania County Commissioner - Chair Edward A. McHenry

Agreement executed on 4-12-00

Mailed on 4-12-00