



Properties outlined total 216 acres and nearly all of the land could be clear-cut if a state permit is issued.

Logger preparing to get state permit to potentially clear-cut 216 acres on Squak Mountain, in the headwaters of May Creek.

OH BOY. MORE FLOODING & EROSION IN MAY VALLEY !!

Once again, we need to come together as a community to protect our property from flooding and erosion. An application to clear-cut this property is pending with Washington Department of Natural Resources. In the last couple of weeks, pink ribbons indicating “Forest Harvest Boundary” now surround this property. Clear cutting this parcel will increase storm runoff and increased storm runoff will bring more silt to May Creek’s channels.

ACTION

FIRST, we need to share our flooding problem concerns with King County and urge them to buy these May Creek headwater properties which adjoin their existing Cougar-Squak Connector. Please email/call our King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn at Reagan.Dunn@kingcounty.gov 206-296-1009 and King County Executive Dow Constantine at Dow.Constantine@kingcounty.gov and King County Deputy Executive Fred Jarrett at Fred.Jarrett@kingcounty.gov and leave messages for both of them at 206-296-4040.

SECOND, we need to contact the Washington State Department of Natural Resources about our concerns regarding the increased flooding of our valley. Especially important because some maps show the major creek on the property draining to Lake Sammamish and not May Creek! Contact Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark about this property on the SW side of Squak Mountain, in the May Creek watershed. cpl@dnr.wa.gov phone to the Goldmark’s office: 360-902-1001.

THE PROBLEM

FIRST, the property includes a headwater fork of May Creek. May Creek has been plagued for decades with increasing flooding caused by greater flows during storm events compounded by increased silt filling in the creek channel. Under a State Forest Practices Permit there are very few restrictions for logging compared to what King County regulates in critical areas. We are startled and frustrated at the difference between what we have to do under county regulations to protect the creek compared to what a logger can do under state regulations.

SECOND, the proposed area adjoins the Cougar-Squak Mountain corridor connecting approximately 5,000 acres of public parks and open spaces used for hiking, equestrian and other outdoor recreational activities on the two mountains as well as wildlife habitat and travel corridors. It provides a critical access to the south side of Squak Mountain State Park.

MORE INFORMATION :

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