

## **CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON**

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Dave Upthegrove, Commissioner of Public Lands Department of Natural Resources Board of Natural Resources MS 47000 Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Commissioner Upthegrove & Staff,

The Clark County Council is writing to you today to communicate the council's concerns and hopes related to the Turnover Timber Sale #107976. The council is appreciative of the Department of Natural Resources' pause on harvesting structurally complex "Maturation II" forests. The Clark County Council requests that you continue the pause on moving forward with the Turnover auction and any other sales involving Maturation II forests until the Department of Natural Resources has had time to propose a new policy for the management of such forests, gather public feedback, and implement the policy based on the best available science and public input received. As you are aware, Clark County contains very few remaining legacy forest resources and older tree areas.

The Clark County Council appreciates DNR's continued communication and engagement with Clark County. The council looks forward to working together to develop management practices that preserve the county's forests for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

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