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Dear Councilors,

The state requires 5 acres of trees and a management plan to satisfy the requirement to meet the state current use taxation program for forestry. The legislator's intent is important here especially for Clark County. The state encourages proliferation of the small lot foresters. This is especially important for CC since 78% of the woodlots are privately owned, vs 50% statewide average. One would think Ms. Cook would be up so-speed on the state regulations for resource lands. If your intent is to keep them locked up from any development, then you ignore the state's minimum standards. I believe the state regs were changed 5/2014.

Less than 8% of the parcels zoned F-40 conform to their zone size. That information is also in the public record. F-40 zone is dominated by 5-acre lots.

The public process is less than optimal... last night was a prime example. Carol and myself are a wealth of information regarding rural and resource lands. The p.c. had many questions regarding rural and resource lands that weren't answered, or partially correct. The cities were allowed at the podium to answer concerns of the p.c.; Carol and I weren't. Ron Barca bemoaned the fact Washougal left early and didn't bother to stick around to present their side.
The rural and resource lands are treated as the left over meatloaf in the fridge. Unfortunately, this is par for the course. It remains an elite and exclusive collaborative process with the cities and the planners in the driver’s seat.

Hope you finally got to sleep last night,
Susan Rasmussen

http://dor.wa.gov/Docs/Pubs/Prop_Tax/DesignatedForestLand.pdf

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