

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AN ORDINANCE TERMINATING TIMBER LAND)
CLASSIFICATION AND CONSOLIDATING) ORDINANCE
TIMBER LAND CLASSIFICATION WITH THE)
DESIGNATED FOREST LAND PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, during the 2014 legislative session Senate Bill 6180 was passed by the Washington State Legislature which provided the county legislative authority the option to merge its timber land classification with its designated forest land program; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds it is in the public interest to merge the County's timber land classifications program with its designated forest land program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. All timber land classifications granted in Lewis County prior to the effective date of this ordinance are hereby terminated; and
2. Any land that had been classified as Lewis County timber land is now designated as forest land under Chapter 84.33 RCW; and
3. The date the property was classified as timber land is considered to be the date the property was designated as forest land; and
4. The County Assessor is directed to notify each owner of timber land of the merger by certified mail; and
5. When designated forest land is removed from designation, only compensating tax will be collected in accordance with RCW 84.33.140(12), unless otherwise provided by law.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 14 day of July 2014, after a public hearing was held on July 14, 2014 pursuant to Notice published in the *Chronicle* on July 1, 2014 and the *East County Journal* on July 2, 2014.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: Glenn Carter, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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ATTEST:

Edna J. Fund, Vice Chair

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