

PETITION TO CREATE THE CHUCKANUT MOUNTAINS PARK DISTRICT

Whereas the Chuckanut Mountains and surrounding areas support a diversity of recreational and ecological open space with unique geological and shoreline features linking the Cascade Mountains to the sea, which require stewardship and protection to benefit current and future generations;

Therefore, as provided in RCW 35.61, we the undersigned petition the Whatcom and Skagit County Auditors to place on the November 2007 ballot the creation of the Chuckanut Mountains Park District.

Whereas RCW 35.61.010 and 35.61.020, Sections 1 and 3 provide by petition the determination of the park district boundaries;

Therefore, this petition proposes the district boundaries to include in the city of Bellingham all of the precincts in Wards 5 and 6, except precinct 232, and in the unincorporated area of Whatcom County all of precincts 154, 155, and 156, and all of Section 3 in precincts 147 and 148, and in Skagit County all of Blanchard, and those portions of Bow and Edison precincts north of the midline of the Bow Hill Road. (Reference legal descriptions & MAP back page)

Whereas RCW 35.61.050, Sections 1 and 2 provide that five commissioner positions may be designated in the formation of a Metropolitan Parks District;

Therefore, this petition proposes Position 1 to represent Wards 5 and 6 in the City of Bellingham, Position 2 to represent all of the above designated precincts in unincorporated Whatcom County, Position 3 to represent all of the above designated precincts in Skagit County, and Positions 4 and 5 representing, at large, all of the proposed Chuckanut Mountains Park District. Candidates for Positions 1, 2 and 3 must be a resident and registered voter in the designated wards and precincts. Candidates for Positions 4 and 5 must be a resident and registered voter within the designated district.

Whereas RCW 35.61.210 permits a Metropolitan Parks District to levy a property tax not to exceed seventy five cents per thousand;

Therefore, this petition requests the elected Chuckanut Mountains Park District Board of Commissioners to levy a general tax on all property located in said park district of twenty-five cents per thousand of assessed value each year.

Warning: Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name or who knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, or signs a petition seeking an election when he or she is not a legal voter or signs a petition when he or she is otherwise unqualified to sign, or who makes herein any false statement shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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