



Conserving great lands, creating great communities

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Cantwell:

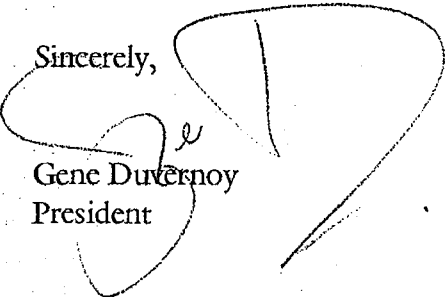
One of the major tenets of The Cascade Agenda is to conserve lands while making our cities and towns vibrant, livable – and safe – places to raise a family. That is why we are pleased to support Senate Bill 2601, introduced by you and Senator Patty Murray, which would transfer 1.5 acres of national forest land to the Snoqualmie Pass Fire District. The land will be used to improve the location for a much-needed fire station – one that serves thousands of daily travelers on Interstate 90, as well as the many citizens who use the ski areas and other recreational destinations near Snoqualmie Pass.

The Cascade Land Conservancy and its many partners in The Cascade Agenda also see the need for conserving habitat for wildlife in the Snoqualmie Pass region. The CLC has been actively conserving lands in this region, improving wildlife habitat, protecting important corridors for the movement of wildlife and providing recreational opportunities. We greatly appreciate your support for these efforts.

It is a challenge to meet both goals of providing connectivity for our wildlife and a high level of emergency services for people using the area. We are pleased that your work to bring interested stakeholders together has resulted in a program that promises to do just that. Your statement in the Congressional Record identifies the importance of conserving land to help offset the impacts of building the fire station. We will be happy to work with the Forest Service to acquire and conserve those lands.

CLC's motto is "conserving great lands, creating great communities." Thank you again for your leadership in helping our motto to become a reality in this important area of our state.

Sincerely,


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