

FORUM DECISION

Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum Meeting: May 4, 2017

Topic: Scope Change Request, project #16-1632, South Fork Skykomish Acquisitions

Request: Project sponsor, Forterra, requests approval of a scope change for the South Fork Skykomish Acquisition project. **This request updates the original project scope to include a specific match property identified on the map below.**

Background: Forterra aims to acquire the “Baring North” property consisting of 26 acres of high-quality forested floodplain habitat and 1,350’ of river frontage supporting several species of salmonids including Chinook, coho, chum and pink salmon, as well as steelhead and bull trout. The Baring North parcel also includes 1,000’ of tributary stream with wetlands. Forterra is partnering with King County to acquire, as match to Baring North, a 0.34-acre property located just 400’ downstream of Baring North. All 0.34 acres of the match property are riparian and located in the 100-year floodplain, with 85’ of river frontage. Forterra requests a scope change to include this match property. King County has a Purchase and Sale Agreement in place for the property.

The earlier version of the project scope, approved by the Forum in 2016, referenced a targeted area for match acquisitions. This scope changes allows Forterra to edit the proposal and budget to include the specific information related to the identified match property. This project will go in to contract, pending LE approval of the scope change, once 2017-2019 PSAR funds are allocated by the legislature.

Scope change was approved by the Technical Committee on May 2, 2017

