

Cascade Forest Conservancy Update

August 30, 2023

11:10 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Interim County Manager Ryan Barrett, Cascade Forest Conservancy Executive Director Molly Whitney and Cascade Forest Conservancy Policy Manager Ashley Short

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Cascade Forest Conservancy Executive Director Molly Whitney and Policy Manager Ashley Short discussed the Cascade Forest Conservancy and The Green River Valley Alliance, which is designed to protect the Mount St. Helens area from mining.

They noted the proposed area is located in Skamania County.

Molly and Ashley said they recommend taking a stand against a mineral withdrawal to avoid the potential of an open-pit mine. They said the area would be 46,000 square miles.

The commissioners requested follow-up information.

Commissioner Brummer said a mining operation would increase truck traffic, increasing wear and tear on the roads.

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.