

**RCW 79.17.020 Exchange of lands to consolidate and block up holdings or obtain lands having commercial recreational leasing potential—Board's authority to exchange state forestland—Consultation with interested parties.**

(1) The board of county commissioners of any county and/or the mayor and city council or city commission of any city or town and/or the board shall have authority to exchange, each with the other, or with the federal forest service, the federal government or any proper agency thereof and/or with any private landowner, county land of any character, land owned by municipalities of any character, and state forestland owned by the state under the jurisdiction of the department, for real property of equal value for the purpose of consolidating and blocking up the respective landholdings of any county, municipality, the federal government, or the state of Washington or for the purpose of obtaining lands having commercial recreational leasing potential. The board shall also have the authority to exchange state forestland for the purpose of obtaining land with greater natural resource or income-producing potential, when in the best interest of the state or affected trust. State forestland exchanged under this section may not be used to reduce the publicly owned forestland base.

(2) Prior to executing an exchange under this section, and in addition to the public notice requirements set forth in RCW 79.17.050, the department shall consult with legislative members, other state and federal agencies, local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, local stakeholders, conservation groups, and any other interested parties to identify and address cultural resource issues, and the potential of the state lands proposed for exchange to be used for open space, park, school, or critical habitat purposes. [2023 c 383 s 4; 2013 2nd sp.s. c 19 s 7035; 2012 2nd sp.s. c 2 s 6007; 2009 c 497 s 6025; 2008 c 328 s 6013. Prior: 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 s 937; 2003 c 334 s 209; 1973 1st ex.s. c 50 s 1; 1961 c 77 s 1; 1937 c 77 s 1; RRS s 5812-3e. Formerly RCW 76.12.050.]

**Findings—2023 c 383:** See note following RCW 79.17.300.

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