

## **Media Advisory – May 18, 2009**

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### **County adds acreage to Lord Hill Regional Park**

*New land will provide better parking and access*

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation is purchasing more than 7 acres to add to Lord Hill Regional Park, providing additional parking and access for equestrian purposes.

Lord Hill Regional Park, located at 12921 150th Street Southeast, north of Snohomish, covers about 1,500 acres. The addition of this small yet integral parcel will increase equestrian entry to the park. Current parking is limited and does not accommodate public need adequately.

The 7.21 acres is adjacent to Lord Hill Regional Park, with access at 127th Avenue Southeast. The purchase price is \$350,000 and will be paid for out of the Conservation Futures Property Tax Fund.

Lord Hill Regional Park is popular with hikers, bikers and equestrians and contains more than six miles of trails. From higher points within the park, visitors can capture panoramic views of the surrounding Snohomish River Valley and distant mountain ranges.

The Mitchell Lord family homesteaded the area in the 1880s. Their home, built on a terraced elevation overlooking the Snohomish River Valley, was one of the most imposing residences in the county.

The parks department began securing property in the area in 1985 with a transfer of land from the state Department of Natural Resources and Washington State Parks.



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