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Welcome Back to 60 Acres North!

(Redmond, WA) – The “Closed to All Uses” signs have come down, replaced by signs welcoming passive use on 60 Acres North. The new signs appeared at 60 Acres North shortly after a boisterous meeting held by Save 60 Acres regarding the County’s plans to sell 60 Acres South. Representatives from King County Parks and Lake Washington Youth Soccer were present at January 12th meeting.

“We welcome this as a step forward and an acknowledgement by the County and LWYSA that Forward Thrust ensures usage for all King County residents, not just one organization,” stated Chuck Quenneville of Save 60 Acres, a small group organized to prevent the sale of 60 Acres South to a private organization.

Sixty Acres North is leased by Lake Washington Youth Soccer from the County and maintains the 17 soccer fields on the property. For years, signs were posted stating the fields are closed to all users. Neighbors to the field have even been kicked off the field for just practicing soccer or taking a walk with their children.

“The Save 60 Acres organization is starting to make an impact, but we have a ways to go,” stated Loren Steel, President of the Seattle Area Soaring Society, a group that has used and helped maintain 60 Acres South for thirty years. The future of their organization is a risk if the fields are sold to LWYSA.

In an October 26th neighborhood meeting, officials from LWYSA and King County had committed to changing the signage. In a public meeting regarding the sale of 60 Acres South January 12th, it was brought to the County’s attention that the signage still stated that the fields were “closed to all uses”. Officials from LWYSA committed to remove the signs the following day.

The sale of 60 Acres South to LWYSA is pending King County Council approval. Various user groups, individual passive users, and the Save 60 Acres Organization are opposing the sale and have committed to keep 60 Acres as one of the last open passive recreation areas in King County

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About Save60Acres

Save60acres is a group dedicated to the protection of 60 Acres Park under the principles of Forward Thrust. Members include local neighbors, Seattle Area Soaring Society members, dog walkers, dog racers, equestrians, soccer players, and local business people. The group assembled in 2005 after repeated attempts by King County to alter the use and ownership of 60 Acres South.