



# Washington Native Plant Society

*Appreciate, Conserve, and Study Our Native Flora*

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Rex Derr  
Director, Washington State Parks  
P.O. Box 42650  
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Dear Mr. Derr:

I understand that Washington State Parks is considering the purchase of a 645 acre tract of land on Sauk Mountain from Trillium Corporation. I believe you have received letters from the Komo Kulshan Chapter as well as individual members of the Washington Native Plant Society encouraging you to pursue the proposed purchase. While I cannot speak more eloquently than the local Chapter about the specific ecological importance of this land for native plants and their habitat, I can assure you that I believe the success of this action is of more than just local significance. This large tract of land has important ecological and heritage value to all citizens of Washington and all members of the Washington Native Plant Society.

Reaching an agreement to purchase the Trillium land in 2004 would have special significance in this year when the Governor has declared May 24-May 30 to be Native Plant Appreciation Week. We appreciate your effort to place these lands into public ownership. If there is a way we can help, please feel free to contact our office at the above address or by telephone at 206-527-3210 or 1-888-288-8022.

Sincerely,

Fred Weinmann,

CC: Terry Doran, NW Regional Manager  
Washington State Parks

Walter Lockwood, Komo Kulshan Chapter  
Catherine Hovanic, WNPS Administrator