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By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Hatfield, Pennington, Doumit, Mielke, Johnson, Buck, Kessler, Sheldon, Mastin, Grant, Thompson, DeBolt, Quall, Boldt and Linville)

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1 AN ACT Relating to natural area preserves; and adding a new section
2 to chapter 79.71 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79.71 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The property currently designated as the Elk river natural area
7 preserve is transferred from management under chapter 79.70 RCW as a
8 natural area preserve to management under chapter 79.71 RCW as a
9 natural resources conservation area. The legislature finds that upland
10 uses of motorized vehicles do not constitute low-impact public uses
11 within the Elk river natural resources conservation area. The
12 legislature further finds that hunting is a suitable low-impact public
13 use within the Elk river natural resources conservation area. The
14 department of natural resources shall incorporate this legislative
15 direction into the management plan developed for the Elk river natural
16 resources conservation area. The department shall work with the

- 1 department of fish and wildlife to identify hunting opportunities
- 2 compatible with the area's conservation purposes.

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