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TO: **Applicants for Continuance in Designated Forest Land**

FROM: Steven J. Drew, Assessor

SUBJECT: Continuance in Current Use Process

The Designated Forest Land Classification was created by the Legislature to encourage the continuous production of timber and forest products. This classification is for five or more adjoining acres of land devoted to the growth and harvest of marketable timber.

The Assessor's Office cannot authorize continuance in Current Use classifications unless the fully completed and signed documents have been submitted and reviewed for approval or if being removed have prepared the removal cost. **The Assessor's office requests the information be provided at least 15 working days prior to the transfer of ownership.**

Continuance Application Process: Notice of Continuance forms are accepted any time of the year. Please be sure that all owners sign and date the application and include daytime phone numbers for each person. Return the completed application along with a Farm Management Plan and Agricultural Income Verification to the Assessor's Office.

Approval or Denial: Based on the new owners fulfilling application requirements listed above and meeting the Designated Forest Land requirements outlined in RCW 84.33, the Assessor's Office will provide a timely determination.

If a continuance for Designated Forest is denied, (1) the property *must be removed* from the Current Use classification and (2) compensating taxes must be paid before ownership can be transferred.

Please contact the Assessor's Office at (360) 867-2210 if you have questions or if we can assist you with the application process.

Forms required to be completed for the property to be continued:

- Notice of Continuance (Buyer/Grantee to complete)
- Timber Information Sheet, along with a Timber Management Plan (Buyer/Grantee to complete)