

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR

TO: First Time Applicants for Designated Forest Land

Classification FROM: Steven J. Drew, Assessor

SUBJECT: Application Process

The Designated Forest Land Classification was created by the Legislature to encourage the continuous production of timber and forest products. The classification is for five (5.00) or more adjoining acres of land devoted to the growth and harvest of marketable timber.

Application Process: Please be sure that all owners sign and date the application and include daytime phone numbers for each person. Please note: a certified forester or other experienced person who is knowledgeable about timber management must prepare The Timber Management Plan. A home site cannot be included in this classification.

Applications are accepted any time during the calendar year. The Assessor's Office notifies owners of acceptance or denial on or before the first of July in the year after the application was submitted. A physical inspection of the property may be performed in the following years to ensure that the use of the land meets the mandates for the Designated Forest Land Program.

Approval or Denial: Once an application is approved, current use tax relief becomes effective the year following acceptance into the Designated Forest Land classification. If an application is denied, owners may file an appeal with the Board of Equalization within 30 days of the date of the denial notice.

Please contact the Assessor's Office at (360) 867-2210 if you have questions about your particular situation or if we can assist you with the application process. Information on Forest Stewardship can be found on the Department of Natural Resources website: www.dnr.wa.gov/base/education.html - look under Forestry Assistance or call Alex Chacon or Margaret Kreder Mason Conservation District, at (360) 427-9436

Attachments

- Application
- Timber Management Plan