



## OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR

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TO: Applicants for Continuance in Designated Forest Land Classification

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 20 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 at least five (5) working days before they are needed for the transfer of ownership.*

*Continuance Process:* 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 Timber Management Plan to the Assessor's Office at 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98502.

*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 about your particular situation or if we can assist you with the application process.