



TO: First Time Applicants for Designated Forest Land
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. This classification is for 20 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 May 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.

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: 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 Mike Nystrom, Stewardship Coordinator, at (360) 825-1631.