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September 2, 2024

Landowner's Name

Street Address

City, State Zip code

Re: Designated Forest Land

Property ID(s)/Parcel #(s): XXXX/XXXXXXXXXX000

Dear Landowner:

On July 1, 2024, as part of a monitoring process of properties that are tax assessed as Designated Forest Land, we mailed a letter with a questionnaire to you and other participants of the "Timberland" and "Forestland" programs. This monitoring process is mandated by Washington State. The Assessor's office is required to review these properties and determine that these properties remain in compliance with the laws and rules of the program that the land participates. In the letter, we requested that you return the completed questionnaire no later than August 29, 2024. We have not received a completed questionnaire yet.

The Designated Forest Land program was established to encourage commercial forestry in Washington State. Participation in this program results in lower assessed property value and lower property taxes. The balance of these lowered property taxes is shifted to the rest of the taxpayers in San Juan County.

Because we have not received your questionnaire, we have no way to confirm that your property is compliant with the rules and laws of its classification or designation. As a result, I have enclosed a Notice of Intent to Remove Designated Forest Land. Please review it carefully. Failure to submit the requested information within 30 days may cause the land to be removed from its classification or designation.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a second copy of the questionnaire. Please complete and return a copy of the questionnaire as soon as possible.

If you would like some help, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

Bill Shanks

Current Use/DFL Administrator

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San Juan County
Current Use Timber Land and Designated Forest Land Program
Questionnaire

September 2, 2024

Please provide the information requested below with detailed answers for each specific question. Answering questions by simply referring us to your forest management plan on file is not an acceptable answer. We recommend submitting **for approval**, an updated Forest Management Plan for your property if management practices have changed or it has outlived its forest activity timeline.

1. Have you obtained, through the Department of Natural Resources, a Forest Practices Permit for forest activities, including but not limited to: timber harvest, commercial thin, salvage standing or downed wood, or construct/alter forest roads on your property? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain (Please include copies of applications and permits with this questionnaire). _____

2. Have you obtained any other permits related to commercial forestry activity? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain (Please include copies of permits with this questionnaire). _____

3. Have you completed any of the following Forest Practices? (Please provide documents and receipts supporting these activities, if the work was completed by yourself, indicate the date work was completed)

a. Planting or Restocking of trees: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____

b. Logging (harvest, salvage, thinning): Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____

c. Created, maintained or repaired logging roads: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____

d. Fire protection (Creating, maintaining and/or repairing burn barriers): Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____

e. Insect and disease control: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____

f. Forest debris removal: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____

g. Other: Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____

4. Please provide copies of:

- Washington State Business and Occupation Taxes returns
- Forest Tax Reporting Account Number
- Forest Excise Tax returns

5. Is there a Forest Management Plan for this property? Yes ☐ No ☐
(Please include a copy)

6. Does the land support a growth of brush and noncommercial type timber? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please explain your plans to restock the timber land with commercial tree species within 3 years. _____

7. Please describe the kind of growth currently on the property – trees, brush, or grass. Include a brief description of the existing timber stands (include major tree species, size, age and condition).

8. Please provide a map illustrating the stand boundaries.
9. Please provide a summary of the timber management practices used to actively manage this property for the growth and harvest of commercial forest products. We are looking for how you have implemented or plan to implement the goals and objectives listed in the grid on the next page.

Please indicate below, for each stand, the activities performed in the past 5 years and the future planned activities that support the use of this property for commercial purposes. These could include things such as pre-commercial thinning, commercial thinning, fertilizing, harvesting, planting, restocking, brush removal and fire control measures, as well as methods and timing of insect, disease and weed control.

ACTIVITY	2019-2023	2024-2028	2029-2033	2034-2038	2039-2043	2044-2048	2049-2053
General							
Stand A							
Stand B							
Stand C							
Additional Stands							

Additional comments regarding implementation: _____

10. Additional Questions:

- a. Will there be livestock grazing allowed within the timber stands?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, during which years and time periods of those years? _____

- b. Are there any significant wildlife habitats or ecological features on the land including riparian management zones?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, please describe: _____

What is the overall forest health with respect to disease (root rot, for example), invasive species (Scotch Broom, tansy ragwort, noncommercial tree species for example) and insects? _____

Are there any easements, leases, or options affecting the property?

If so, what kind of easements? _____

11. Are there any improvements (residence, out buildings) currently located on the property. _____

I understand that if the land no longer qualifies, or I do not wish to continue the designation or classification, the land will be removed from the designation or classification and I will be responsible for any compensating or additional taxes, penalties or interest that become due upon removal.

Please sign and date the questionnaire in the space provided and return as indicated below:

Owner Signature

Date

Please return this questionnaire, along with the supporting documents to:

San Juan County Assessor's Office
Attention: Current Use/DFL Administrator
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You may also return information electronically by sending your information to:

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