



San Juan County Assessor

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July 1, 2024

Landowner's Name
Street Address
City, State Zip code

Re: Property ID's: XXXX/XXXXXXXXXX000

Dear: Landowner:

The Washington State Legislature established the Current Use Timber Land (CUTL) and Designated Forest Land (DFL) programs to encourage commercial forestry in Washington State. The primary use of land participating in CUTL and/or DFL must be for growing and harvesting timber for commercial purposes. Both programs significantly lower the land's assessed value, which lowers the land's taxes. Those lower CUTL and DFL taxes create a tax burden that shifts to the other taxpayers in San Juan County. Because of that, Washington State law requires each county's Assessor to monitor these properties for compliance with the requirements, RCW 84.34, and RCW 84.33. Our records indicate that you own one or more parcels in San Juan County, classified as CUTL and/or DFL.

We have enclosed a questionnaire for you to complete and return to us as part of our monitoring process. Please take some time to review the questionnaire and respond by providing as much detail as possible to explain your land's timber or forest management practices. We require information about which portions of your management plan you have completed and how you have managed the property during the last twenty-five (25) years. On the first page of the questionnaire, there are examples of the kinds of documentation we need to review to help make a determination of compliance.

Please return the questionnaire and documentation no later than August 29, 2024 .

It is the intention of the Assessor's office to help landowners remain compliant with CUTL and DFL requirements. I invite you to contact me if you have questions about the programs, and what is required for you to maintain the classification or designation of your land.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Bill Shanks
Current Use/DFL Program Administrator
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San Juan County
Current Use Timber Land and Designated Forest Land Program
Questionnaire

July 1, 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, Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____

maintaining and/or repairing

burn barriers):

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)

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: _____

- c. 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? _____

- d. 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:

assessor@sanjuanco.com