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## FOREST PRACTICE INFORMATION

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Do I need a Forest Practice Application - Notification to harvest my timber?

Answer: Maybe

Is the operation a forest practice?

Answer: According to the State of Washington, a "Forest Practice" is any activity conducted on or directly pertaining to forest land and relating to growing, harvesting, or processing timber.

"Forest Land" is any land that is capable of supporting a merchantable stand of timber, and is not being actively used for a use, which is incompatible with timber growing.

Examples of non-forest land:

Existing public road right-of-way. Green belts within developments. Land within 1 and 1/2 tree lengths from a home or outbuilding.

If yes: Answer the following questions.

If no: No Forest Practice permit is required. However, local government may require permits or other state agencies.

1.) Is the operation limited to 5,000 board feet or less and intended for personal use only.

**If yes, Class 1 Forest Practice no application or notification required. If no, go to #2.**

2.) Does the forest practice involve a single landowner where contiguous ownership is less than 2 acres?

**If yes, go to #3. If no, Application - Notification required.**

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3.) Does the operation impact any threatened or endangered species? **If yes, Class 4-Special**

**Application required. If no, go to #4.**

- 4.) Does the operation involve the off-road use of tractor or wheeled skidding systems on a slope greater than 40%?

**If yes, Application required. If no, go to #5.**

- 5.) Does the operation take place within the shoreline of a Type 1 water or the riparian management zone of a Type 2 or 3 water, or within the ordinary high water mark of a Type 4 water or flowing Type 5 water?

**If yes, Application required. If no, Class 1 Forest Practice.**

A Class 1 operation may be commenced without Application - Notification to the Department of Natural Resources. However, all forest practices must meet or exceed the current forest practice rules and regulations.

For applications, notifications or current rules contact the Department of Natural Resources, South Puget Sound Region, 950 Farman Avenue North, Enumclaw, WA 98022-9282 or by phone at: (360) 825-1631.