

**RCW 79.14.450 Prospecting and mining—Disposition of materials not covered by lease or contract.** The state shall have the right to sell or otherwise dispose of any surface resource, timber, rock, gravel, sand, silt, coal, or hydrocarbons, except minerals or materials specifically covered by a mineral prospecting lease or mining contract, found upon the land during the period covered by the lease or contract. The state shall also have the right to enter upon such land and remove same, and shall not be obliged to withhold from any sale any timber for prospecting or mining purposes. The lessee shall, upon payment to the department, have the right to cut and use timber found on the leased premises for mining purposes as provided in rules adopted by the department. [2003 c 334 s 413; 1987 c 20 s 14; 1965 c 56 s 15. Formerly RCW 79.01.650.]

**Intent—2003 c 334:** See note following RCW 79.02.010.