

**RCW 79A.05.190 Recreational metal detectors—Available land.**

(1) By September 1, 1997, the commission shall increase the area available for use by recreational metal detectors by at least two hundred acres.

(2) Beginning September 1, 1998, and each year thereafter until August 31, 2003, the commission shall increase the area of land available for use by recreational metal detectors by at least fifty acres. [1997 c 150 s 2. Formerly RCW 43.51.235.]

**Intent—1997 c 150:** "It is the intent of the legislature that those significant historic archaeological resources on state parklands that are of importance to the history of our state, or its communities, be protected for the people of the state. At the same time, the legislature also recognizes that the recreational use of metal detectors in state parks is a legitimate form of recreation that can be compatible with the protection of significant historic archaeological resources." [1997 c 150 s 1.]