

**WAC 222-46-050 Corrective action. (1) Normal time schedule.**

(a) **Written notice.** If an operator fails to undertake and complete any course of action with respect to a forest practice, as required by a final order of the department or a final decision of the appeals board or any court pursuant to RCW 76.09.080 and 76.09.090 of the Forest Practices Act, the department may determine the cost thereof and give written notice of such cost to the operator, the timber owner and the owner of the forest land upon or in connection with which such forest practice was being conducted.

(b) **Failure to act.** If such operator, timber owner, or forest landowner fails within 30 days after such notice is given to undertake such course of action, or having undertaken such course of action fails to complete it within a reasonable time as set forth by the department, the department may expend any funds available to undertake and complete such course of action and such operator, timber owner, and forest landowner shall be jointly and severally liable for the actual, direct cost thereof, but in no case more than the amount set forth in the notice from the department.

(c) **Failure to pay.** If not paid within 60 days after the department completes such course of action and notifies such forest landowner in writing of the amount due, such amount shall become a lien on such forest land and the department may collect such amount in the same manner provided in chapter 60.04 RCW for mechanics' liens.

(2) **Immediate corrective action.** When the operator has failed to obey a stop work order issued under the provisions of RCW 76.09.080, the department may take immediate action to prevent continuation of or avoid material damage to public resources. If a final order or decision fixes liability with the operator, timber owner, or forest landowner, they shall be jointly and severally liable for such emergency costs which may be collected in the manner provided for in RCW 76.09.120.

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