

WAC 222-21-050 Payment of compensation and reimbursement to the small forest landowner.

(1) All compensation and reimbursement to the small forest landowner is subject to available funding and to the extent reasonable possible the small forest landowner office will process forestry riparian easement applications in the order received.

(2) If funding is not available, the small forest landowner office will maintain a priority list for compensation and reimbursement to the landowner. Priority will be based on the date the small forest landowner office received the complete forestry riparian easement application. In instances where two easement applications are received on the same date, priority will be based on the date the department received a complete forest practices application associated with the easement.

(3) The small forest landowner office will offer compensation for the easement in a purchase and sale agreement. The small forest landowner will accept or reject the conditions of the purchase and sale agreement in writing and submit the written acceptance or rejection to the small forest landowner office.

(4) Compensation for the forestry riparian easement and reimbursement of landowner costs will be paid after:

(a) The department has verified that the landowner has no outstanding violations under chapters 76.09 or 76.13 RCW or any associated forest practices rules;

(b) Any dispute over the amount of compensation or eligibility or other matter involving the easement has been resolved; and

(c) The small forest landowner office has sent a forestry riparian easement contract to the landowner, the landowner has signed the contract, and the landowner has delivered it to the department.

(5) Compensation for any qualifying timber located on potentially unstable slopes or landforms will not exceed a total of \$150,000 during any biennial funding period.

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