

WAC 135-100-090 Forest lands may be assessed at special rates.

Some forest lands, referred to as qualified forest lands, may be subject to a special rate of assessment. Qualified forest lands are parcels used only for the planting, growing, or harvesting of trees. Such lands qualify for special rates of assessment.

Forest lands used for purposes other than, or in addition to, the planting, growing, or harvesting of trees do not qualify for special rates of assessment.

For qualified forest lands, no per-parcel assessment shall be charged. In lieu of a per-parcel charge, each owner of more than one parcel of qualified forest lands may be charged up to three dollars a year if their forest lands will benefit from the conservation district's conservation program.

The per-acre rate of special assessments for qualified forest lands may not exceed one-tenth the weighted average per-acre assessment of all other assessed lands in the district. The weighted average is calculated by dividing the total assessment to be collected from all lands except qualified forest lands by the total acreage of all lands except qualified forest lands.

Only the first ten thousand acres of qualified forest lands owned by the same person or entity may be assessed. Additional acres beyond the first ten thousand acres must be identified in the system of assessments as a class of land exempt from assessment.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 89.08.040 and [89.08.]070. WSR 07-10-071, § 135-100-090, filed 5/1/07, effective 6/1/07.]