WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Forest Watch Volunteer Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Number: (____) _____

Email: _____

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Date application received: _____
Received by: _____

Application: [ ] accepted
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Reason: _____
Results sent to: _____
Date: _____ via: _____

Thank you for your interest in joining the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Forest Watch program. The purpose of the program is to protect and enhance state trust lands and other DNR-managed lands while encouraging appropriate recreation use and providing the opportunity for the public to learn and understand the value of natural resources.

Forest Watch Volunteers are goodwill ambassadors for DNR. They provide assistance and information to visitors; patrol, monitor, and log forest activities and conditions; provide assistance and immediate communication to appropriate authorities during emergency situations; and assist with maintenance and restoration projects.

Expectations of Forest Watch Volunteers: A regular commitment of time and service; provide friendly, courteous information, and assistance to forest visitors; represent DNR in a professional manner; follow recommended safety procedures; avoid any confrontations with the public; serve within the scope and limits of volunteer responsibilities; recognize and accurately report observations; and complete required records and timesheets.

DNR requires a criminal background check for all Forest Watch Volunteers. Once the criminal background check is completed, you will be notified by the Forest Watch Program Coordinator of the outcome.

How to submit your application for the Forest Watch Volunteer program:

Complete both this application and the criminal background check and send to:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Attn: Ken Dean
Conservation, Recreation & Transactions Division
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98404-7014

For questions, call Ken Dean, Forest Watch Program Coordinator, 360-902-1701.