

# Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program

## Application Form for Conservation Easements on Critical Habitat for State Listed Threatened or Endangered Species

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### General Instructions

Please fully read the document “*Instructions for Completing the Rivers and Habitat Open Space Conservation Easement Application Form on Forest Lands Within Qualifying State Critical Habitat for State Listed Threatened or Endangered Species*” before completing this form. The document, as well as Forest Practices Board Manual Section 18 *Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program*, can be used to help determine whether your property meets the eligibility criteria for the Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program. If unsure, please contact the Conservation Easement Program Manager for the Department of Natural Resources, Forest Practices Division. See contact information below.

Please provide complete and accurate information in this application to help DNR staff evaluate whether the proposed easement area may qualify for this program. This application must include the following items:

- Completed and signed application form found on the following pages;
- Map(s) of the proposed qualifying critical habitat land(s) showing:
  - the approximate location of the lands.
  - the property boundaries of the parcel(s) occupied by the lands.
  - locations of all roads and/or trails to access the proposed lands.
- Any other documents required as indicated in the application.

Please send the completed application packet to:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Forest Practices Division  
Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program  
P.O. Box 47012  
Olympia, WA 98504-7012

Incomplete or illegible applications will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant. If you have questions about eligibility, the application, or the ranking process, please contact the Forest Practices Conservation Easement Program Manager, KelliAnne Ricks at phone 360-480-9702 or e-mail:

[kellianne.ricks@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:kellianne.ricks@dnr.wa.gov).

<b>Information About Qualifying Land</b>													
<p><b>1. Applicant name</b>                      Legal name of owner(s) of the land in the application.</p>													
<p><b>2. Applicant's Contact Information</b>                      Mailing address, phone number(s), email address</p>													
<p><b>3. Primary Contact Person</b>                      Name and contact information for the land owners or a representative familiar with the proposed lands.</p>													
<p><b>4. List Tax Parcel Identification Number(s)</b> Include all parcels containing proposed lands, include county where the parcel is located.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Tax Parcel ID #</th> <th style="text-align: center;">County</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>_____</td><td>_____</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Tax Parcel ID #	County	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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<p><b>5. Verify Parcel Eligibility</b>                      The parcels containing qualifying critical habitat lands must be classified in county assessor's records as "forest land" under chapter 84.33 RCW or "current use timber land" under chapter 84.34 RCW.</p>	<p>Do all the tax parcels listed above meet the stated requirements for forest land as described in the box to the left?</p> <p>_____ Yes, all parcels meet stated requirements.</p> <p>_____ No, the following parcels do not meet all stated requirements:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>												

<p><b>6. Estimated Acreage of the Project</b>                  Note: this is only the acreage for the area within the proposed qualifying critical habitat conservation easement lands.</p>																												
<p><b>7. Location of Land(s) by Legal Description</b></p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="625 514 948 590">Section(s)</th> <th data-bbox="948 514 1122 590">Township</th> <th data-bbox="1122 514 1268 590">Range</th> <th data-bbox="1268 514 1409 590">(East or West)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Section(s)	Township	Range	(East or West)																							
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<p><b>Landowner's Intent and Valuation Information</b></p>	
<p><b>8. List of Other Interest Holders</b>                  List all persons, banks, trusts, corporations or other entities having any rights or interests in the land(s) covered by this application (other than the applicant) and provide an accurate description of such rights or interests.</p>	<p>Name #1: _____                  Interest: _____                  Name #2: _____                  Interest: _____                  Name #3: _____                  Interest: _____</p>
<p><b>9. Readiness to Proceed</b>                  Has every holder of a right or interest in the land(s) covered by the application been contacted by the applicant, and do they unanimously agree to encumber the lands covered by this application with a perpetual conservation easement?</p>	<p>_____ Yes, all holders have been contacted and agree to proceed.</p> <p>_____ No, not all holders have been contacted. Date anticipated when all holders will be contacted is: _____                  _____</p> <p>_____ No, all holders have been contacted and not all agree to proceed.</p>

<p><b>10. Access Assurance</b>                  Describe the legal access by which DNR can physically enter onto the proposed easement premises for assessment, acquisition, and compliance purposes only. If necessary, indicate the access easement(s) you desire to convey as part of this application.</p>	
<p><b>11. Declaration of Hazardous Substances</b>                  Are you aware of the presence of any hazardous substances, conditions or practices on the proposed lands?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes -- if Yes, please describe:</p>
<p><b>12. Type of Interest to Convey</b>                  What level of interest do you wish to convey as part of the conservation easement?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Interest in the trees only  <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in both the land and trees</p>

<p><b>Description of Land Values</b></p>	
<p><b>13. State Critical Habitat</b>                  Describe:                  a. The Threatened &amp; Endangered species, state listed, occupying the land(s) you propose to convey a conservation easement; and,                  b. The substance of the species' habitat on the land(s) you propose to convey a conservation easement.</p>	

<b>14. Habitat Quality</b> Describe the quality of habitat found on the land(s) you propose to convey.	
<b>15. Site Significance</b> Describe any special significance of the area within your project.	
<b>16. Qualifying Critical Habitat Lands Designation Process</b> Describe the methods you used to determine the land qualifies as qualifying critical habitat lands. Attach any reports.	
<b>17. Landowner Management Options</b> Describe the likelihood of the site remaining viable over the long-term and why conserve now.	

<b>Certification and Signature</b>
<p>My signature below certifies that the information contained in this application or submitted in conjunction with this application is correct. I also certify that I own, am part owner, or have legal right to convey encumbrances to the property subject to the application. I understand the department reserves the right to reprioritize or deny applications based upon significant factual inaccuracies. I desire that this application be processed by DNR under the rules and procedures currently in effect for the Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program. I understand that this is a competitive program with limited funding and that my project ultimately may or may not be selected for participation in the program.</p> <p>Applicant's signature _____ Date _____</p>