Understanding Forest Fire Protection Assessment and Landowner Contingency Assessment Rates

Forest Fire Protection Assessment (FFPA)

Per RCW 76.04.610 – FFPA consists of a flat fee of $17.50 and $.27 on each acre exceeding 50 acres. Fifty cents of the total assessments paid per parcel is retained by the county expense fund to defray the cost of listing, billing, and collecting assessments.

Landowner Contingency Assessment (LOC)

Per RCW 76.04.630 – For participating landowners (landowner parcels subject to FFPA), DNR may annually establish a flat fee assessment of no more than $7.50 for parcels 50 acres or less. For parcels over 50 acres, DNR may charge the set flat fee assessment plus a per acre assessment (not to exceed $.15 per acre).

Current LOC rates for 2020

Western Washington LOC Rates

- Parcels 50 acres or less - $.40
- Parcels with more than 50 acres - $.40 plus $.04/acre over 50.

Eastern Washington LOC Rates

- Parcels 50 acres or less - $.20
- Parcels with more than 50 acres - $.20 plus $.02/acre over 50

Example 1:

25-acre parcel in Eastern Washington

**FFPA Rate:**

FFPA - $17.00 (flat fee for parcel <= 50)
County Expense - $.50
Total = $17.50

**LOC Rate:**

LOC - $.20
**Example 2:**

25-acre parcel in Western Washington

**FFPA Rate:**
FFPA - $17.00 (flat fee for parcel <= 50)
County Expense - $.50
Total = $17.50

**LOC Rate:**
LOC - $.40 (flat fee for parcel <= 50)

**Example 3:**

85-acre parcel in Eastern Washington

**FFPA Rate:**
FFPA - $17.00 (first 50 acres) + $9.45 ($0.27*35) = $26.45
County Expense - $.50
Total = $26.95

**LOC Rate:**
LOC - $.20 (first 50 acres) + $.70 ($0.02*35) = $.90

**Example 4:**

85-acre parcel in Western Washington

**FFPA Rate:**
FFPA - $17.00 (first 50 acres) + $9.45 ($0.27*35) = $26.45
County Expense - $.50
Total = $26.95

**LOC Rate:**
LOC - $.40 (first 50 acres) + $1.40 ($0.04*35) = $1.80