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Dan Lindgren
Grays Harbor County Assessor
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Dear Dan Lindgren,

Thank you for your continued assistance in processing Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildland Fire Assessments.

Please note that the Landowner Contingency Forest Fire Suppression Assessment (LCFFSA) rates and increasing fire costs have not allowed DNR to maintain a minimum LCFFSA balance of three million dollars as required by statute RCW 76.04.630. DNR is working with Washington's Office of Financial Management (OFM) to repay this deficit and therefore DNR is instituting a significant increase to both the LCFFSA flat fee and the LCFFSA per-acre rate beginning in the 2022 tax year. Prior to the 2026 tax year, DNR will reevaluate the LCFFSA balance and may reduce the assessment rate at that time.

DNR is continuing to do reviews throughout the state to ensure their accuracy. Thank you for your patience with this process. We look forward to continuing our cooperative work to provide essential funding for fire prevention and control for the safety of people and property throughout Washington.

Please be advised that assessment rates for forest fire protection for **2022 tax rolls** in Washington will be:

1. Tax lot parcels containing **50.00 acres or less** of unimproved assessed lands pay a minimum flat fee established by the legislature for Forest Fire Protection Assessment (FFPA). These parcels also pay a minimum flat fee for LCFFSA, which is established annually by DNR.

FFPA flat fee:	\$17.00
LCFFSA flat fee:	\$ 6.00
County Fee:	\$ 0.50

2. Tax lot parcels containing **50.01 acres or more** of unimproved assessed land will pay a total minimum flat fee as described in number 1 above, plus a per-acre assessment for each acre (or portion of an acre) over 50. The Washington State Legislature establishes the FFPA per-acre rate and DNR annually establishes the LCFFSA per-acre rate.

FFPA per-acre rate:	\$ 0.27
LCFFSA per-acre rate:	\$ 0.15

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Example: Tax lot parcel size: 80 acres assessed

FFPA flat fee rate	\$17.00
LCFFSA flat fee rate	\$ 6.00
FFPA+ 30 acres at \$.27	\$ 8.10
LCFFSA+ 30 acres at \$.15	\$ 4.50
County Fee	\$ 0.50
Total Due	\$36.10

Pursuant to Chapter 76.04 RCW, you are hereby authorized to levy the 2022 assessments at the above rates on all unimproved lands assessed in the previous year, and reflect adjustments made by DNR since that time.

Please contact Karen Zirkle, Assistant Wildland Fire Management Division Manager, at 360-528-0450 if you have questions or need clarification.

Sincerely,



George Geissler
State Forester,
Deputy Supervisor for Wildland Fire Management

cc: Kenneth E. Albert, Grays Harbor, County Treasurer

PLEASE SIGN BELOW VERIFYING RECEIPT OF THIS RATE NOTICE AND RETURN BY 12/31/2021 TO:

Mail to: Washington State Department of Natural Resources Wildland Fire Management Division Lena Johnson, Budget Analyst PO Box 47037 Olympia WA 98504-7037	email to: lana.johnson@dnr.wa.gov
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