

**Department of Natural Resources
Wildfire Division**

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To report a fire, please call 1-800-562-6010

For emergencies, call 911



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about DNR Wildfire
Assessments

DNR Wildfire Assessments in Washington State

**Fees that contribute to
funding preparation and
response to wildfire by
the Department of Natural
Resources (DNR).**

WHAT ARE DNR WILDFIRE ASSESSMENTS?

Forest Fire Protection Assessment (FFPA)

A fee that is paid by private landowners and exempt entities to help the DNR pay for the cost of preparing to fight wildfire (firefighter training, purchasing engines, aircraft and equipment).

Landowner Contingency Forest Fire Suppression Assessment (LOC)

Any landowner who pays FFPA also pays LOC. LOC pays for emergency fire suppression when a paying landowner starts a fire during a landowner operation.



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Understanding the Fee Rates

Forest Fire Protection Assessment (FFPA)

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 (RCW 76.04.610).

\$17.50 + \$0.27
FLAT FEE ON EACH ACRE EXCEEDING 50 ACRES

Landowner Contingency Forest Fire Suppression Assessment (LOC)

* DNR may annually establish this flat fee assessment for participating landowners (landowner parcels subject to FFPA). For parcels over 50 acres, DNR may charge this set flat fee assessment plus a per acre assessment (not to exceed \$0.15 per acre) (RCW 76.04.630). The fee may not exceed \$7.50/flat fee or \$0.15/acre. Please check <http://dnr.wa.gov/ffpa> for current LOC rates.

UP TO \$7.50* PLUS UP TO \$0.15 ON EACH ACRE EXCEEDING 50 ACRES

RATES IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING IN 2022

EXAMPLE 1

.01 to 50 ACRE PARCEL **\$23.50**

FFPA Rate (Flat Fee)	\$17.00
COUNTY Expense	\$0.50
LOC Rate (Flat Fee)	\$6.00
TOTAL Assessment	\$23.50

EXAMPLE 2

85 ACRE PARCEL **\$38.20**

FFPA Rate: \$17.00 first 50 acres, + \$9.45 [\$0.27 x 35 (acres over 50)]	\$26.45
COUNTY Expense	\$0.50
LOC Rate: \$6.00 first 50 acres, + \$5.25 [\$0.15 x 35 (acres over 50)]	\$11.25
TOTAL Assessment	\$38.20



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Forest Fire Protection Assessment (FFPA)?

The assessment is a fee that is paid by private forest landowners and exempt entities to help the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) pay for the cost of preparing to fight wildfire.

Why was it determined that my parcel should pay the assessment?

Parcels that are considered for assessment contain forested or unimproved lands that have enough timber (standing or down) or vegetation in its natural state that could catch and carry fire.

Can I request a review of my parcel?

Yes. If you think your parcel is being charged in error, you can request to have your parcel reviewed.

To request a review, please fill out a change request form or contact DNR's Wildfire Division at **360-902-1300** or by email at rp_ffpa@dnr.wa.gov

What do I get from the assessment?

Assessment revenues are used to purchase wildfire engines, hire and train wildfire personnel, purchase equipment (such as portable pumps, hose, hand tools, radios, etc.) and provide office space and work stations in various strategic locations near protected areas. If a wildfire starts, DNR will suppress the fire at no additional cost to you if negligence is not involved.

If I pay a levy to my local fire protection district, why do I also pay the assessment?

Fire Districts and DNR work together on many incidents and have agreements in place to do so. Many times, local fire districts respond and often are first responders to fires on forested or unimproved lands. If it is determined that the fire is in DNR's jurisdiction, DNR incurs the costs. Legally, fire districts are budgeted and obligated to protect structures. Similarly, DNR protects wildlands.