



Understanding Forest Fire Protection Assessment and Landowner Contingency Assessment Rates

Forest Fire Protection Assessment (FFPA)

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. ([per RCW 76.04.610](#))

Landowner Contingency Assessment (LOC)

For landowners who pay 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). ([per RCW 76.04.630](#))

Current LOC rates for 2020

Eastern Washington LOC Rates

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

Western Washington LOC Rates

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

Example 1:

.01-50 – acre parcel in Eastern Washington

FFPA Rate:

FFPA - \$17.00 (flat fee for parcel \leq 50)

County Expense - \$.50

Total = \$17.50

LOC Rate:

LOC - \$.20

Total Assessments Paid - \$17.70

Example 2:

.01-50 - acre parcel in Western Washington

FFPA Rate:

FFPA - \$17.00 (flat fee for parcel \leq 50)

County Expense - \$.50

Total = \$17.50

LOC Rate:

LOC - \$.40 (flat fee for parcel \leq 50)

Total Assessments Paid - \$17.90

Example 3:

85-acre parcel in Eastern Washington

FFPA Rate:

FFPA - \$17.00 (first 50 acres) + \$9.45 ($\$.27 \times 35$) = \$26.45

County Expense - \$.50

Total = \$26.95

LOC Rate:

LOC - \$.20 (first 50 acres) + \$.70 ($\$.02 \times 35$) = \$.90

Total Assessments Paid - \$27.15

Example 4:

85-acre parcel in Western Washington

FFPA Rate:

FFPA - \$17.00 (first 50 acres) + \$9.45 ($\$.27 \times 35$) = \$26.45

County Expense - \$.50

Total = \$26.95

LOC Rate:

LOC - \$.40 (first 50 acres) + \$1.40 ($\$.04 \times 35$) = \$1.80

Total Assessments Paid - \$28.75