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Trees required to be left in the riparian area are cruised to help determine the easement value.

Forestry Riparian Easement Program

A Landowner Compensation Program to Protect Fish Habitat

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Request an application by phone or email:
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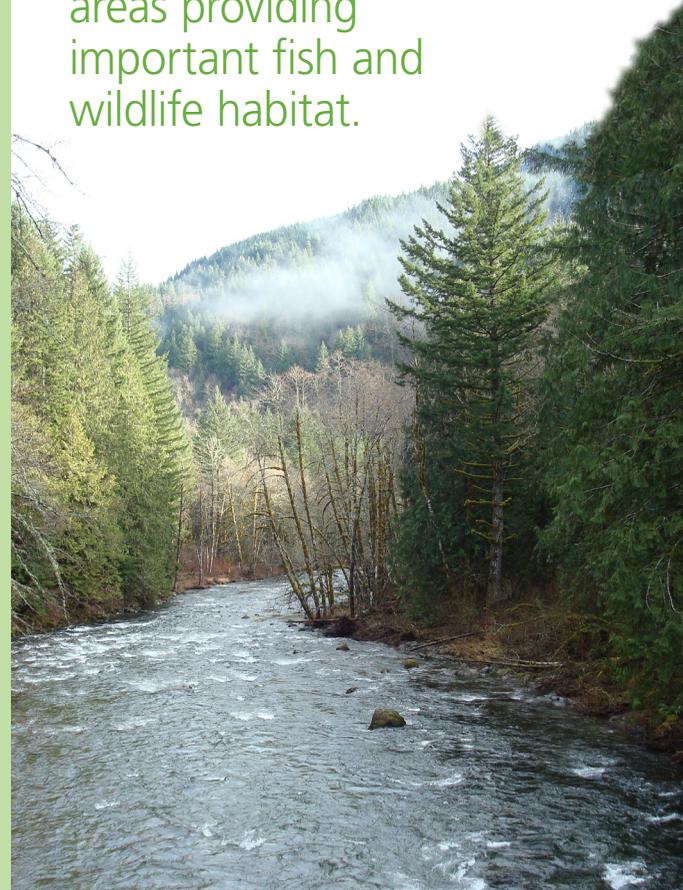


TREES LEFT AFTER A HARVEST HAVE VALUE

The Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP) provides compensation for trees required to be left next to streams, wetlands, seeps, or adjacent unstable slopes.

FREP is a voluntary program that reimburses eligible landowners for a minimum of 50 percent of the value of the trees they must, by law, leave to protect fish habitat.

 This program protects riparian areas providing important fish and wildlife habitat.



“ The Forestry Riparian Easement Program was a carefully considered option that allowed us flexibility in managing our tree farm riparian areas. We have two streams, and a commitment to the long-term health of the forest. We were comfortable with the program and the quality of work done by DNR.”

LACIE & LARRY ABEL
Small forest landowners



Who's eligible for the program?

YOU MAY QUALIFY IF YOU:

are an eligible small forest landowner,

and

are an individual, partnership, corporation, or other nongovernmental for-profit legal entity

and

own either a parcel larger than 20 contiguous acres or more than 80 forested acres in Washington State,

and

have completed a harvest and left a buffer of trees next to a stream, river, wetland, lake, pond, or adjacent unstable slopes.

How does the program work?

- 1 Submit a Forest Practices Application before the harvest begins.
- 2 Complete harvest.
- 3 Contact the FREP Program Specialist to see if you are eligible:

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- 4 Submit FREP Application.



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- 5 DNR estimates the value of the easement based on the value of the trees left in the riparian buffer.
- 6 When funding becomes available, the acquisition process begins.
- 7 Compensation is paid in one lump sum, and a 50-year easement is placed on your land title.