

WAC 222-20-070 Emergency forest practices. No prior notification or application shall be required for emergency forest practices necessitated by and commenced during or immediately after fire, flood, windstorm, earthquake, structural failure or other catastrophic event. Within 48 hours after commencement of such practice, the operator shall submit an application or notification to the department with an explanation why emergency action was necessary. Such emergency forest practices are subject to these rules: Provided, however, That the operator may take any reasonable action to minimize damage to forest lands, timber or public resources from the direct or indirect effects of the catastrophic event and: Provided further, The operator shall comply with any requirements of a notice to comply or stop work order as if conducted pursuant to an approved application.

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