



# Forest Practices Flow Chart

## Do I need a Forest Practices permit to cut down my trees?

You may need a permit to cut down your trees when your project is considered a forest practice (i.e., the harvest of merchantable timber on forestland).

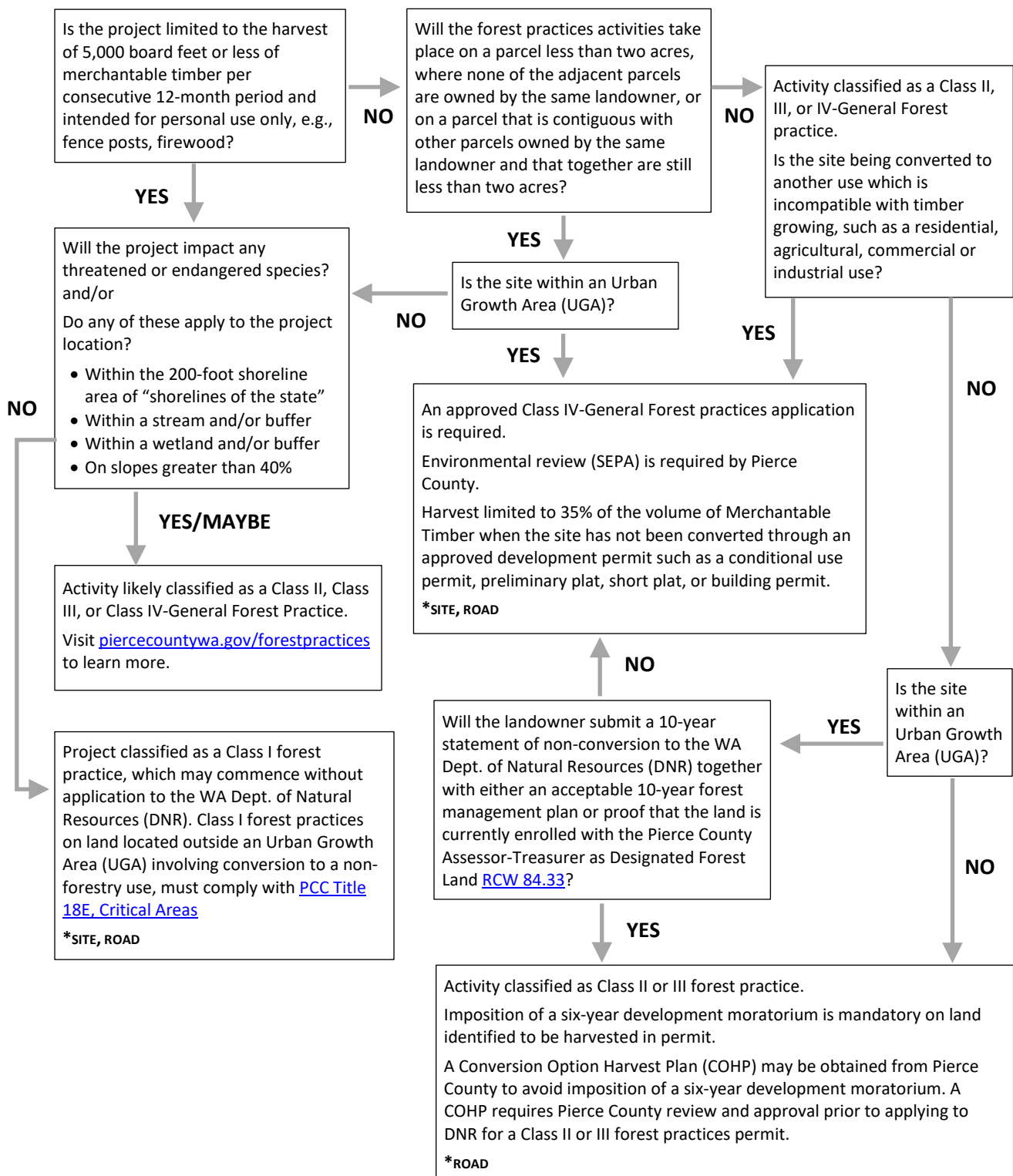
Merchantable timber yields logs and/or fiber suitable in size and quality to produce lumber, plywood, pulp or other forest products. A variety of trees may be considered merchantable, including Douglas fir, Western red cedar, Western hemlock, big-leaf maple and red alder.

Forestland is land which can support a merchantable stand of timber and is not actively used for a use which is incompatible with timber growing. It does not include land within one-and-one-half tree lengths of an existing structure.

### Merchantable timber + Forestland = Forest Practice

If your project is considered a forest practice, use this diagram to determine if you need a permit. Visit [piercecountywa.gov/forestpractices](http://piercecountywa.gov/forestpractices) to learn more.

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\*SITE Pierce County may require a site development permit for clearing and grading

\*ROAD Pierce County may require a temporary road approach permit for access onto a county