



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**  
Peter Goldmark - Commissioner of Public Lands

## Requirements for Records of Survey for Leases and Easements

**Records of Survey are required for easements and leases granted by the department for:**

- County roads
- Highways
- Easements across high value lands
- Easements across transition lands
- Utilities
- Upland leases
- Communication sites
- Other grants as determined by the department based upon site specific considerations
- Drainage or irrigation easements
- Railroads
- Aquatic land uses: exemptions are provided for recreational docks and mooring buoys per RCW 79.105.430 and for those permits issued as a Right of Entry

**The applicant is responsible for:**

- All costs and work associated with creating, submitting, revising and recording the Record of Survey
- Submitting a preliminary Record of Survey for review and approval by the department prior to approval of the agreement.
- Recording the final Record of Survey with the county auditor's office.
- Submitting a digital copy in AutoCAD.DWG or DXF (drawing exchange format) of the final survey.
- Submitting two full size copies and one 8 ½ X 11" copy of the recorded survey including the auditor's recording information to the department.

**A Record of Survey must:**

1. **Be produced by a licensed surveyor.**
2. **Meet the requirements of Title 58 RCW and Chapter 332-130 WAC.**
3. Include the name of the applicant, the purpose of the easement or lease and the DNR easement or lease number.
4. Clearly show easement or lease boundaries with distances and directions of all boundary lines.
5. Show the easement or lease area to an accuracy of ( $\pm$ ) 0.5% of the total area or ( $\pm$ ) 10 square feet, whichever is greater.
6. **(Not required for aquatic lands lease across the bed of Puget Sound or the Pacific Ocean)** Indicate the acreage encompassed by the lease or easement within each quarter-quarter section or government lot.
7. Show distances and directions from two or more controlling corners of a recorded subdivision, recorded survey or government survey (GLO) corners.
8. Be related by meridian and coordinate to the Washington Coordinate System NAD'83(1991) by closed ties to NGS Control monuments, or the extension thereof. The designation of the control stations used shall appear on the plat.
9. Include a narrative legal description describing the servient estate (grantor's parcel) on the Record of Survey.
10. Show a detailed plan of improvements to be constructed or already existing on the easement or lease area. All improvements must be shown in sufficient detail to determine what they are used for and to ensure they are entirely within the easement area.

11. Show the location of any proposed utility.
12. **(linear lease or easement)** Show the lineal footage along the centerline.
13. **(linear lease or easement)** Show the complete alignment information and width including any necessary curve data.
14. **(Easements or leases crossing a section line or state ownership boundary, not required for aquatic lands lease across the bed of Puget Sound or the Pacific Ocean)** Provide ties to the centerline of an easement along the section or subdivision line from the nearest appropriate Public Land Survey System (PLSS) section corner, quarter section or subdivision corner, where the easement enters and leaves the section or state ownership.
15. **(Easements or leases falling entirely within one section and not crossing a section line or state ownership boundary)** Provide ties from both end points of the linear easement to PLSS corners or other subdivision corners shall be provided.
16. **(A lease which encroaches on a previously leased site)** Show the boundary for the senior lease in the vicinity of the proposed lease shall also be shown, together with ties between the two leases sufficient to determine the full extent of the encroachments.

### **Additional Requirements for Communication Site Leases**

17. Show ties to the corners of previously monumented communication sites adjacent to, or in the immediate vicinity of the proposed communication site.
18. Show access to the site.
19. Mark the corners of the communication site, as described and granted, with substantial permanent magnetically locatable monuments. The monuments shall be in place and obviously marked on the ground after the construction of installations and improvements.
20. Show the center of any communication site tower by Washington Plane Coordinates, NAD83 (1991), or latitude and longitude having an accuracy of and showing 3 decimals of a second.
21. On all communication sites where towers or beam paths are shown, an elevation is required at the base of the tower.
22. Show the tower height, and the height of the antenna or microwave dish and any beam path used shall have the diameter and tilt thereof shown.
23. The elevation shall be derived from an established benchmark in the vicinity of the site, or an elevation designated by the Department of Natural Resources.

### **Additional Requirements for State-owned Aquatic Land Uses**

24. The lease of aquatic lands is often subject to preference rights. Applicants and surveyors should carefully determine the direction, and show details of the proration of coves and irregular shoreline.
25. **(lease sites which contain existing or proposed structures and improvements that are classified as a non water-dependent or a water oriented use as described within RCW 79.105.060 and WAC 332-30-106)** Provide the square footage of each structure and improvement.
26. Where applicable, the survey of aquatic lands must show the location of the following lines for:
  - a. Tidal areas – Government meander line, the original and current locations of line of mean high tide, line of mean low tide, and line of extreme low tide. The survey must include the name of tidal bench mark(s) used or describe the alternate method employed for determining a Tidal Datum. **Lease areas which contain tidelands and bedlands** at a minimum must show the location of the line of extreme low tide crossing the lease area. **Lease areas containing bedlands exclusively** may be required to show the relationship to the line of extreme low tide and the minus-18 foot contour line only.

- b. Lakes – Government meander line, line of ordinary high water (original ordinary high water if the lake has experienced artificial raising or lowering of the water level), and line of ordinary low water (include source of data) and line of navigability if established.
- c. Rivers – Line of ordinary high water and line of ordinary low water (include source of data) and line of navigability if established.
- d. Lots and blocks of platted tide lands or shore lands, inner and outer harbor lines, waterway lines, street boundaries, any local construction limit lines, any dredge or fill areas, and easements of record within the lease site.
- e. All lines must be shown in sufficient detail to compute and show the area of each area of State-owned bedlands, tidelands, shore lands, harbor area, or waterways included within the proposed lease site.

**Include any other data necessary for the complete understanding of the information shown on the survey. If, in the opinion of the department, such information is lacking, the survey may be rejected.**

**Record of Survey Revisions:**

- 27. Any differences between the as-built road and the regulation plat must be reflected in a revised Record of Survey and recorded with the county by the applicant.
- 28. When any portion of the completed improvements are located outside of the granted lease site, the as-built locations must be reflected in a revised Record of Survey and legal description. In this instance, a new application for an amended lease site may be required if the as-built location creates adverse impacts. In the case of linear leases across the bed lands of the sound or the ocean, an as-built Record of Survey and a revised legal description of the linear lease must be provided.

**For additional information contact one of the following region offices:**

**Northeast Region**

P.O. Box 190  
225 S Silke Rd  
Colville, WA 99114-0190  
360-684-7474

**Olympic Region**

411 Tillicum Ln  
Forks, WA 98331-9797  
360-374-2800

**Southeast Region**

713 Bowers Rd  
Ellensburg, WA 98926-9341  
509-925-8510

**Northwest Region**

919 N Township St  
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284-9333  
360-856-3500

**Pacific Cascade Region**

P.O. Box 280  
601 Bond Rd  
Castle Rock, WA 98611-0280  
360-577-2025

**South Puget Sound Region**

P.O. Box 68  
950 Farman Ave N  
Enumclaw, WA 98022  
360-825-1631