



**Spokane County**  
WASHINGTON

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SPOKANE COUNTY ASSESSOR

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Spokane Association of Realtors Members

RE: Continuance in Current Use Programs at Closing

Greetings Realtors,

Please contact our office as soon as possible when you have a sale or transfer involving property that is in one of our Current Use programs (Designated Forest, Open Space Farm and Ag, Open-Open Ag Conservation or Open Open).

The Assessor's Office cannot automatically approve a continuation just because the property is presently in one of these programs. There are multiple reasons why property may not qualify and must be removed from a program or approval is delayed because of a pending segregation, missing forms, or lack of supporting documentation, etc.

There have had several occasions recently where we have had a closing agent, title company, Realtor or real estate broker come to our office on the day of closing requesting staff to sign off on a continuance, without the required information. This has resulted in delayed closings.

By law our office has up to 15 calendar days from the date all documents are received to determine whether the land will continue to qualify for one of the current use programs.

Please contact our Current Use appraiser Cami Dole at 509-477-4789 or by email at [cdole@spokanecounty.org](mailto:cdole@spokanecounty.org). Our website: <https://www.spokanecounty.org/301/Current-Use-Programs> has information on the different programs as well as the documents needed if the purchaser wishes to remain in the program or be removed.

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