

To: Washington Public Disclosure Commission  
Contact: PDC@pdc.wa.Gov 360-753-1111  
Date: 10 March 2022  
From: Phyllis J Kardos

RE: Allegation: Violation of RCW 42.17A.710 failure to accurately report government grants or payments relating to a Department of Natural Resources cost sharing program on their F-1.  
CASE #: PDC Case Number 104761.

To Whom It May Concern:

Upon inspection of my online PDC F1 Candidacy File I did not report this \$3,948.00 payment from the Department of Natural Resources. The fact is it was not even on my radar as a first-time candidate. It was my husband's thinning project and a definite oversight on my part. It certainly was not omitted purposefully, nor was I attempting to hide anything as Mr. Morgan suggested.

This payment was reported as 1099-Miscellaneous Income on our 2019 IRS Income tax.

I will add that this complaint came through Mr. Morgan, but there is no doubt in my mind that it originated with a Mr. Norman Smith, who has continually harassed me for the past three years and reported me and other first time Democrat candidates to the PDC.

I do apologize to the PDC for this oversight. I certainly did not stand to gain or lose anything by failure to report it. I was just an honest oversight on my part.

I did go on-line and amended the F1 form. I'm not sure whether it worked or not, but I did try.

Please review the attached complaint and provide your response by **March 24, 2022**. As part of your response please address the following questions:

1. What work did DNR ask you to do to qualify for the cost sharing program?

My husband did a forest tree thinning and fire prevention cost-sharing program with the Department of Natural Resources on approximately five acres of forest land on our property in Pend Oreille County in 2019.

1. Who did the work? You/the landowner or was a third party hired to perform the work?

My husband, Theodore S. Kardos, the landowner did the work. There was no third party involved.

2. How was the cost sharing payment amount determined? Was it based on actual costs incurred by the homeowner? If so, were you required to provide receipts to DNR? Were you/the landowner compensated for your time? Did the cost sharing payment include compensation for labor services performed, or a reimbursement for actual out-of-pocket expenses?

The cost sharing payment was determined by the Department of Natural Resources and based on the acreage completed in the project. This was an entirely hands-on intensive thinning and fire prevention project completed by my husband with a chain saw and manual saw. It was not based on actual costs incurred, but by the completion of the work on five acres.

3. How was reimbursement received? Did you submit invoices for reimbursement?

There were no receipts or reimbursement for actual out-of-pocket expenses. A Department of Natural Resource person came out to inspect the thinning project to make sure it was completed prior to signing off on it and later issuing a check in the amount of \$3,948.00.

Please contact me if more information is needed.

Respectfully submitted via e-mail on 10 March 2022,

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