

Chapter 890 *Implementing Environmental Commitments*

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This chapter reviews actions necessary to ensure that environmental commitments are addressed in the accommodation of utilities within Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) right of way and the disposal of surplus real property.

890.02 Accommodation of Utilities

There are two important aspects of ensuring that utility work done in WSDOT's right of way fulfills our environmental commitments. First, it is important that any work done in the right of way must comply with the requirements in other chapters of this manual. Most work in the right of way will not trigger those requirements. However, where applicable, the utility must use appropriate BMPs to protect water quality and ESA habitats. The utility is responsible for obtaining and complying with any required permits for the work.

Second, WSDOT makes some commitments, such as wetland mitigation, that continue in perpetuity. Utility work cannot disturb those areas without prior approval from WSDOT and the resource agency to which the commitment was made. Contact regional environmental staff for the location of such sites.

890.03 Disposal of Surplus Property

Environmental requirements for the disposal of surplus property are found in [Chapter 820](#). Normally properties for which WSDOT has made commitments (such as mitigation sites) are not sold.

