



## SKAMANIA COUNTY CLAIM FOR DAMAGE FORM

<b>CLAIMANT:</b> THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED WITH THE	<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>
SKAMANIA COUNTY AUDITOR Skamania County Courthouse 240 NW Vancouver Ave, Room 27 PO Box 790 Stevenson, WA 98648	CLAIM NO. _____ DATE FILED: _____ COPIES TO: _____
NO DAMAGES CAN BE PAID BY SKAMANIA COUNTY UNLESS THIS FORM IS COMPLETE. THIS PROVISION CANNOT BE WAIVED.	ATTACHMENTS: YES(#____) NO

1. Name (including spouse if married): (Please Print)  
Jeff and Angela Cummings
2. 21 Huckleberry Lane Washougal WA 98671  
Address City State Zip
3. HM Phone: 360-669-4195 WK Phone: 360-954-3661 MSSG Phone: 360-608-1383
4. Date and time of incident: Feb. 2008
5. Location of incident:  
21 Huckleberry Lane  
Washougal WA 98671
6. Describe in narrative form and in detail exactly how the incident occurred:  
See attached letters  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What is the amount of damages claimed arising out of the following circumstances (Include estimates and bills, if available): \$1018.00 for Geo tech Survey plus \$6600 for living expenses accrued during delay of construction of our property because of Geo tech Survey we did not know we would have to have.

8. Please list name and address of any and all witnesses or persons involved:  
(Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Describe the damages or injuries you sustained as a result of the incident:

Delay in building and making payments  
on two homes

10. Was incident investigated by a police officer? Sheriff NO State Patrol NO  
City \_\_\_\_\_

11. If a vehicle was involved in the incident, describe: Make \_\_\_\_\_  
Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

12. Describe what you did after the incident occurred: Contacted title  
dept. and they feel planning dept. is  
responsible for not disclosing slide area.

13. Describe the conversations you had, if any, with County personnel during or after  
the incident occurred. See attached letters.

14. How did you identify the County as the party responsible for your damage?

We asked County if there was anything we should  
know about property, we were told everything  
was fine with this property. We checked with Building  
Planning and Health before  
purchasing.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the  
information contained in this claim is true and correct.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Angela Cummins  
Claimant's Signature

File Name: Commiss/Risk Mang/Claims/Claim For Damages

**NOTE:** Personal property (car, etc.) damages are to be accompanied by 2 estimates for repair costs. The Skamania County Risk Manager will investigate this claim. The decision to honor this claim will be based upon that investigation. Making a false report or providing false evidence is a crime and punishable by fine and/or imprisonment. Additional pages may be attached if needed to answer the questions.

3/12/08

Lot 2 of the Robert Coleman SP

To Whom It May Concern:

Before the purchase of our property we went to the planning department to confirm if there was anything we needed to know about the piece of property before we purchased it that would interfere with developing or building. We spoke with Mark at the planning department and he looked at a map (not the actual short plat map) and told us everything looked great and he didn't see any problems with the property. We then purchased the property and had a well put on our property. Next we found someone to design a septic system for us. He went to the planning department to get information on our property and was told that we were in a slide zone and would have to have a geo-tech survey done. Upon finding out this information we went back to the planning department to find out what the deal was. We were shown the actual short plat map that we should have been shown when we first went there and that map showed we are in a slide zone area. We asked why we were not shown this when we first came to the planning department before the purchase of the property and we were told people make mistakes. We were told we could not proceed without a geo-tech survey. This mistake is not a small mistake it is a big mistake and when people make big mistakes they need to be held accountable for their big mistakes. We feel we have been misled in the purchase of this property.

Sincerely,

Jeff and Angela Cummings

Attention: Skamania County Title

Date: 3-2-08

We, Jeff and Angela Cummings bought two acres from Herb and Kathy Smith of the Robert Coleman Short Plat. We went to the County and asked them if there were any problems with this property that we should know about that would interfere with us developing and building on this property. All departments at the County told us there were no problems with building on this piece of property. After purchasing this property and installing the well we found out from the planning department that we are in a slide zone. The planning department did not show us the proper short plat map when we met with them before the purchase. The Seller did not disclose the slide area, the County did not disclose the slide area and the Title Department did not catch it when doing the title report. We now have to have a Geo-Tech do a survey to verify if we are able to build on this piece of property, which is an extra expense of \$2500 to \$15,000. Since the slide area was not disclosed to us before the purchase we are not responsible for any fees for the survey and/or improvements to the property needed from this survey that will allow us to build. Why are we required to have this survey done when other people have built on the Robert Coleman Short Plat and have not been required to have a Geo-Tech survey? If you have any questions, please contact us at 360-837-9929.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cummings

Angela Cummings

**INVOICE**

**Invoice #:** 2008-279  
**Date:** 04-Aug-08  
**Due Date:** Due Upon Receipt

**Client:**

Cummings, Jeff  
 40805 SE Washougal River Rd  
 Washougal, WA 98671

**Bell Design Company**

P. O. Box 308  
 1000 E. Steuben  
 Bingen, WA 98605  
 Phone: (509) 493-3886  
 Fax: (509) 493-3885

Phone: 360-837-9929  
 Fax: 360-609-4195 Cell

**Job #:** 08B098      Geotech Survey- 21 Huckelberry Lane Washougal, WA  
 Project hours, 6/14/2008 through 7/18/2008

<b>Current Labor Charges</b>				
<b>Task</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Rate/Hr</b>	<b>Charges</b>
<b>Draftsman DD</b>				
	Drafting	2.5	\$63.00	\$157.50
<b>Engineer E5</b>				
	Report	4	\$115.00	\$460.00
	Site Visit	0.5	\$115.00	\$57.50
<b>Office Staff O3</b>				
	Report	6	\$53.00	\$318.00
<b>Labor total:</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>\$53.00</b>	<b>\$993.00</b>
<b>Current Non-Labor Charges</b>				
<b>Task</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Rate/Unit</b>	<b>Charges</b>
	Computer Equipment (hours)	2.5	\$10.00	\$25.00
<b>Expense total:</b>				<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Total This Invoice</b>			<b>\$1,018.00</b>	

<b>Project Summary</b>	<b>Invoice Number</b>	<b>Invoice Date</b>	<b>Invoice Amount</b>
	<b>This Invoice:</b>	04-Aug-08	\$1,018.00
	<b>Current Project Total to Date</b>		<b>\$1,018.00</b>
<i>Project Summary Does Not Include Payments, Only Invoiced Amount</i>			

**Prompt payment is appreciated. Late fees will accrue after 30 days.**