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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010

or

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-34654

**WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

425 Pike Street Seattle, Washington 98101

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(206) 624-7930

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

91-1661606  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files) Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

### APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

<b>Title of class:</b>	<b>at May 6, 2010</b>
Common stock, \$1.00 par value	112,475,030

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**PART I**

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The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of Washington Federal, Inc. and Subsidiaries filed as a part of the report are as follows:

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	March 31, 2010	September 30, 2009
	(Dollars in thousands, except share data)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 919,825	\$ 498,388
Available-for-sale securities, including encumbered securities of \$886,039 and \$860,655, at fair value	2,277,063	2,201,083
Held-to-maturity securities, including encumbered securities of \$71,542 and \$80,717, at amortized cost	91,958	103,042
Loans receivable, net	8,688,485	8,983,430
Covered loans, net	621,681	
Interest receivable	51,660	53,288
Premises and equipment, net	157,691	133,477
Real estate held for sale	204,056	176,863
Covered real estate held for sale	32,956	
FDIC indemnification asset	228,941	
FHLB stock	151,744	144,495
Intangible assets, net	258,550	256,797
Federal and state income taxes	23,136	
Other assets	94,966	31,612
	\$ 13,802,712	\$ 12,582,475
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Customer accounts		
Savings and demand accounts	\$ 8,915,425	\$ 7,786,467
Repurchase agreements with customers	51,227	55,843
	8,966,652	7,842,310
FHLB advances	2,072,835	2,078,930
Other borrowings	800,000	800,600
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	30,184	38,376
Federal and state income taxes		18,075
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	116,403	58,699
	11,986,074	10,836,990
<b>Stockholders equity</b>		
Common stock, \$1.00 par value, 300,000,000 shares authorized; 129,527,383 and 129,320,072 shares issued; 112,455,059 and 112,247,748 shares outstanding	129,527	129,320
Paid-in capital	1,577,231	1,574,555
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of taxes	43,887	54,431
Treasury stock, at cost; 17,072,324 shares	(208,985)	(208,985)
Retained earnings	274,978	196,164
	1,816,638	1,745,485
	\$ 13,802,712	\$ 12,582,475



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	Quarter Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)			
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>				
Loans & covered loans	\$ 142,317	\$ 147,038	\$ 279,770	\$ 299,357
Mortgage-backed securities	21,097	28,341	48,378	53,653
Investment securities and cash equivalents	1,620	789	2,557	1,697
	165,034	176,168	330,705	354,707
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>				
Customer accounts	37,698	51,126	74,183	107,034
FHLB advances and other borrowings	30,296	31,560	61,716	64,179
	67,994	82,686	135,899	171,213
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>97,040</b>	<b>93,482</b>	<b>194,806</b>	<b>183,494</b>
Provision for loan losses	63,423	54,000	133,173	89,000
<b>Net interest income after provision for loan losses</b>	<b>33,617</b>	<b>39,482</b>	<b>61,633</b>	<b>94,494</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
Gain on FDIC-assisted transaction	85,608		85,608	
Gain on sale of investments			20,428	
Other	5,446	4,388	9,255	8,562
	91,054	4,388	115,291	8,562
<b>OTHER EXPENSE</b>				
Compensation and benefits	24,178	13,839	37,813	28,643
Occupancy	3,399	3,359	6,648	6,533
FDIC premiums	4,874	1,186	8,439	1,465
Other	7,510	6,677	14,037	13,005
	39,961	25,061	66,937	49,646
Loss on real estate acquired through foreclosure, net	(16,635)	(1,719)	(29,355)	(2,959)
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>68,075</b>	<b>17,090</b>	<b>80,632</b>	<b>50,451</b>
Income tax provision (benefit)	(14,036)	6,074	(9,390)	17,917
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>82,111</b>	<b>11,016</b>	<b>90,022</b>	<b>32,534</b>
Preferred dividends accrued		2,606		3,955
<b>NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS</b>	<b>\$ 82,111</b>	<b>\$ 8,410</b>	<b>\$ 90,022</b>	<b>\$ 28,579</b>
<b>PER SHARE DATA</b>				
Basic earnings	\$ .73	\$ .10	\$ .80	\$ .32
Diluted earnings	.73	.10	.80	.32

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Cash dividends per share	<b>.05</b>	.05	<b>.10</b>	.10
Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding	<b>112,450,001</b>	88,021,483	<b>112,401,443</b>	87,993,592
Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding, including dilutive stock options	<b>112,798,396</b>	88,028,210	<b>112,689,113</b>	88,018,511

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	Six Months Ended	
	March 31, 2010	March 31, 2009
	(Dollars in thousands)	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income	\$ 90,022	\$ 28,579
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization (accretion) of fees, discounts, premiums and intangible assets, net	8,689	126
Depreciation	2,700	2,550
Stock option compensation expense	592	600
Provision for loan losses	133,173	89,000
Loss on investment securities and real estate held for sale, net	9,878	2,775
Gain on FDIC-assisted transaction	(85,608)	
Decrease (increase) in accrued interest receivable	5,359	(961)
Decrease in income taxes payable	(35,084)	(24,086)
FHLB stock dividends	(2)	(13)
Increase in other assets	(61,802)	(6,251)
Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities	(45,480)	(25,652)
Net cash provided by operating activities	22,437	66,667
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Loans originated		
Single-family residential loans	(287,273)	(396,051)
Construction loans - speculative	(51,801)	(46,404)
Construction loans - custom	(129,874)	(103,035)
Land - acquisition & development	(20,400)	(26,169)
Land - consumer lot loans	(5,491)	(7,213)
Multi-family loans	(34,878)	(49,020)
Commercial real estate	(15,424)	(70,013)
Commercial & industrial	(107,250)	(114,038)
HELOC	(30,928)	(46,985)
Consumer	(1,157)	(13,973)
	(684,476)	(872,901)
Loan principal repayments	850,929	871,536
Other changes in loans, net	(97,247)	(94,959)
FHLB stock redemption		394
Available-for-sale securities purchased	(724,709)	(555,061)
Principal payments and maturities of available-for-sale securities	331,694	139,635
Available-for-sale securities sold	368,309	
Principal payments and maturities of held-to-maturity securities	11,178	7,282
Net cash received from acquisition	111,684	
Proceeds from sales of real estate held for sale	81,577	29,244
Premises and equipment purchased	(4,931)	(3,424)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	244,008	(478,254)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net increase in customer accounts	304,814	389,817
Net decrease in borrowings	(131,747)	(160,555)



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Proceeds from exercise of common stock options	1,542	17
Dividends paid	(11,208)	(7,477)
Proceeds from Employee Stock Ownership Plan		811
Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock and related warrants		200,000
Decrease in advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	(8,409)	(7,047)
Net cash provided by financing activities	154,992	415,566
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>421,437</b>	<b>3,979</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</b>	<b>498,388</b>	<b>82,600</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 919,825</b>	<b>\$ 86,579</b>

**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

**Non-cash investing activities**

Non-covered real estate acquired through foreclosure	\$ 138,125	\$ 79,627
Covered real estate acquired through foreclosure	4,706	
<b>Cash paid during the period for</b>		
Interest	136,395	177,632
Income taxes	27,420	45,117

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**NOTE A Basis of Presentation**

The consolidated unaudited interim financial statements included in this report have been prepared by Washington Federal, Inc. ( Company ). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation are reflected in the interim financial statements. The September 30, 2009 Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition was derived from audited financial statements.

The information included in this Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with Company s 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K ( 2009 Form 10-K ) as filed with the SEC. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year.

References to Net Income in this document refer to Net Income Available to Common Shareholders.

**NOTE B Acquisition**

Effective January 8, 2010, Washington Federal Savings & Loan Association, a federally-chartered savings and loan association (the Bank ) and wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, acquired certain assets and liabilities, including most of the loans and deposits, of Horizon Bank, headquartered in Bellingham, Washington ( Horizon ) from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ( FDIC ), as receiver for Horizon (the Acquisition ). All branches of Horizon have reopened as offices of the Bank.

Horizon operated through eighteen full-service offices, four commercial loan centers and four real estate loan centers in Washington with approximately 225 employees. The Bank acquired certain assets with a book value of \$1.16 billion, including \$968 million in loans and \$32 million in foreclosed real estate, and selected liabilities with a book value of \$1.03 billion, including \$820 million in deposits. Pursuant to the purchase and assumption agreement with the FDIC, the Bank received a cash payment from the FDIC for \$41 million, with an additional receivable due for \$1 million. No cash, deposit premium or other consideration was paid by the Bank. The fair value of the assets received, including the FDIC indemnification asset described below, was \$1.13 billion and the fair value of liabilities assumed was \$1.05 billion.

The loans and foreclosed real estate purchased are covered by two loss share agreements between the FDIC and the Bank (one for single family loans and the other for all other loans and foreclosed real estate), which affords the Bank significant loss protection. Under the loss share agreements, the FDIC will cover 80% of covered loan and foreclosed real estate losses up to \$536 million and 95% of losses in excess of that amount. The term for loss sharing on residential real estate loans is ten years, while the term for loss sharing on non-residential real estate loans is five years with respect to losses and eight years with respect to loss recoveries. The losses reimbursable by the FDIC are based on the book value of the relevant loan as determined by the FDIC at the date of the transaction. New loans made after that date are not covered by the loss share agreements. As a result of the loss sharing agreements with the FDIC, the Bank recorded a receivable of \$228 million at the time of acquisition. To account for the transaction, the balance sheet now has three new line items, as follows:

Covered loans represent the loans acquired from Horizon recorded at their estimated fair market value;

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Covered real estate held for sale represents the estimated fair market value of the repossessed real estate acquired in the transaction. The covered loans and covered real estate held for sale are collectively referred to as covered assets ;

The FDIC indemnification asset represents the estimated fair value of the guarantee provided by the FDIC on the covered assets. Loans that were classified as non-performing loans by Horizon are no longer classified as non-performing because, at acquisition, the carrying value of these loans was adjusted to reflect fair value and are covered under the FDIC loss sharing agreements. Management believes that the new book value reflects an amount that will ultimately be collected.

The loss sharing agreements with the FDIC requires the Bank to pay the FDIC a calculated true-up amount after ten years if cumulative losses in the portfolio of acquired loans total less than \$536 million. Based on an analysis of the loan portfolio, the Company currently believes cumulative losses will be less than this threshold; therefore, a liability of \$21 million has been established that represents the present value of the estimated true-up payment. Going forward, the Company will be required to estimate the present value of the true-up payment on a quarterly basis and record any adjustments through the income statement.

Based on the initial purchase accounting adjustments described above, the Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$86 million related to the FDIC-assisted transaction during the quarter. The amount of the gain is equal to the excess of the fair value of the recorded assets over the fair value of liabilities assumed. The amounts recorded in the financial statements relating to this transaction are estimates and subject to change as the purchase accounting is finalized in the future.

The acquisition was accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting. The purchased assets, assumed liabilities and identifiable intangible asset were recorded at their respective acquisition date fair values. In many cases the determination of these fair values required management to make estimates about discount rates, future expected cash flows, market conditions and other future events that are highly subjective in nature and subject to change. These fair value estimates are preliminary and subject to refinement for up to one year after the closing date of the acquisition as additional information regarding the closing date fair value becomes available.

The operating results for the period ended March 31, 2010 include the results of the acquired assets and liabilities for the period from January 8, 2010 through March 31, 2010. Accretion and amortization of various purchase accounting discounts and premiums were recorded in the March quarter and are included in other income and other expense.

In determining the acquisition date fair value of acquired loans, and in subsequent accounting, the Company generally aggregates acquired loans into pools of loans with common risk characteristics. Expected cash flows at the acquisition date in excess of the fair value of loans are recorded as interest income over the life of the loans using a level yield method if the timing and amount of the future cash flows of the pool is reasonably estimable. Subsequent to the acquisition date, increases in cash flows over those expected at the acquisition date are recognized as interest income prospectively. Decreases in expected cash flows after the acquisition date are recognized by recording an allowance for loan losses. For loans without evidence of prior credit deterioration, revenue is recognized based on contractual cash flows using the level yield method.

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The net assets acquired and the resulting bargain purchase gain are presented in the following table:

	Received from FDIC	Fair Value Adjustments (Dollars in thousands)	Recorded by WFSL
<b>Assets:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 70,870	\$	\$ 70,870
Available-for-sale securities	62,341	4	62,345
Loans receivable, net	968,434	(297,051)	671,383
Interest receivable	3,731		3,731
Premises and equipment, net	21,983		21,983
Real estate held for sale	32,150	(2,949)	29,201
FDIC indemnification asset, net		227,500	227,500
Intangible assets, net		3,064	3,064
Other assets	1,552		1,552
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,161,061</b>	<b>(69,432)</b>	<b>1,091,629</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Customer accounts	819,528		819,528
FHLB advances	124,546	506	125,052
Advances by borrowers	217		217
Other liabilities	81,737	21,447	103,184
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,026,028</b>	<b>21,953</b>	<b>1,047,981</b>
<b>Net assets acquired</b>	<b>\$ 135,033</b>	<b>\$ (91,385)</b>	<b>\$ 43,648</b>
<b>Aggregate fair value adjustments</b>		<b>\$ (91,385)</b>	
<b>Net assets acquired</b>			<b>\$ 43,648</b>
Cash received from FDIC			40,814
Receivable due from FDIC			1,146
<b>Pre-tax gain on Horizon acquisition</b>			<b>\$ 85,608</b>

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The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of significant assets and liabilities presented above:

*Cash and cash equivalents* Due to the short term nature of these instruments, the carrying amount is estimated to approximate fair value.

*Available for sale securities* Fair values for securities are based on quoted market prices.

*Loans* Fair values for loans were based on a discounted cash flow methodology that considered factors including the type of loan and related collateral, classification status, fixed or variable interest rate, term of loan and whether or not the loan was amortizing, and current discount rates. Loans were grouped together according to similar characteristics and were aggregated when applying various valuation techniques. The discount rates used for loans are based on current market rates for new originations as well as an add-on uncertainty premium due to the nature of the loans (i.e. failed bank loans and illiquidity of certain loans).

*Real estate held for sale* Real estate held for sale is presented at the estimated present value that management expects to receive upon sale, net of the related costs to sell.

*FDIC indemnification asset and related clawback* Fair value was estimated using projected cash flows related to the loss sharing agreements based on the expected reimbursements for losses and the applicable loss sharing percentages. The clawback is recorded on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition in other liabilities.

*Core deposit intangible* Fair value was estimated based on a discounted cash flow methodology that gave consideration to expected customer attrition rates, cost of the deposit base and the net servicing costs attributable to the customer deposits.

**NOTE C - Dividends**

On April 16, 2010 the Company paid its 109<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarterly cash dividend on common stock. Dividends per share were \$.05 for the quarters ended March 31, 2010 and 2009.

**NOTE D - Comprehensive Income**

The Company's comprehensive income includes all items which comprise net income plus the unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities. Total comprehensive income for the quarters ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 totaled \$87,611,000 and \$21,633,000, respectively. Total comprehensive income for the six months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 totaled \$79,478,000 and \$74,606,000, respectively. The difference between the Company's net income and total comprehensive income for the six months ended March 31, 2010 was \$10,544,000, which equals the change in the net unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities of \$16,671,000, less tax of \$6,127,000. In addition, \$2,377,000 of net unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities were included in comprehensive income for the six months ended March 31, 2010, which included \$12,921,000 of gain on sale of investments reclassified into earnings for the same period.

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The following table summarizes the activity in the allowance for loan losses for the periods ended March 31, 2010 and 2009:

	<b>Quarter Ended March 31,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 190,549	\$ 104,835	\$ 166,836	\$ 85,058
Provision for loan losses	63,423	54,000	133,173	89,000
Charge-offs	(60,464)	(15,996)	(107,210)	(31,384)
Recoveries	1,045	285	1,754	450
Acquired reserves				
Balance at end of period	\$ 194,553	\$ 143,124	\$ 194,553	\$ 143,124

In comparison to the process used for the period ending March 31, 2009, the Company enhanced its general reserve allowance calculation to be more reflective of the current economic environment. Changes included shortening the look-back period for determining historical loss factors ( HLF ) and modifying the methodology to give more weighting to risks by asset type rather than geographic exposure. In addition to utilizing the HLF to calculate the general reserve, the Company utilizes a qualitative risk factor ( QRF ), which is determined by loan type and allows management to augment reserve levels to reflect the current environment and portfolio performance trends.

By shortening the look-back period the Company has taken into account the current housing environment where home values have declined substantially from the housing peak of 2007. We monitor delinquency trends as well as regional economic conditions including employment and housing values when determining the QRF.

The Company recorded a \$63,423,000 provision for loan losses during the quarter ended March 31, 2010, while a \$54,000,000 provision was recorded for the same quarter one year ago. Non-performing assets amounted to \$538,928,000, or 3.90%, of total assets at March 31, 2010, compared to \$492,131,000, or 4.01%, of total assets one year ago. Loans that were classified as non-performing loans by Horizon are no longer classified as non-performing because, at acquisition, the carrying value of these loans was adjusted to reflect fair value and are covered under the FDIC loss sharing agreements. Management believes that the new book value reflects an amount that will ultimately be collected (see Note B). The Company had net charge-offs of \$59,419,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, compared with \$15,711,000 of net charge-offs for the same quarter one year ago. This significant increase in the provision for loan losses is in response to three primary factors: first, the overall deterioration in the housing market in general in the Company's eight western state territory; second, the combined balance of non-performing assets in the land A&D and speculative construction portfolios where the majority of losses have come from; and finally, the material increase in net charge-offs for the quarter. Management expects the provision to remain at elevated levels until non-performing assets and charge-offs improve. \$85,730,000 of the allowance was calculated under the formulas contained in our methodology and the remaining \$108,823,000 was made up of specific reserves on loans that were deemed to be impaired at March 31, 2010. For the period ending March 31, 2009, \$55,460,000 of the allowance was calculated under the formulas contained in our methodology and the remaining \$87,664,000 was made up of specific reserves on loans that were deemed to be impaired.

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At March 31, 2010, the Company's recorded investment in impaired loans was \$531,651,000, of which \$302,549,000 had specific reserves of \$108,823,000. At September 30, 2009, the Company's recorded investment in impaired loans was \$531,817,000, of which \$318,543,000 had specific reserves of \$107,375,000.

The following table shows a summary of impaired loans and the allowance for loan losses:

	9/30/2008	9/30/2009 (In thousands)	3/31/2010
General allowance	\$ 56,162	\$ 59,461	\$ 85,730
Specific allowance	28,896	107,375	108,823
	85,058	166,836	194,553
Total impaired loans	134,438	531,817	531,651
Impaired loans with specific reserve	(98,654)	(318,543)	(302,549)
Restructured loans subject to the general reserve		(112,089)	(174,041)
Impaired loans without a specific reserve or general reserve	35,784	101,185	55,061
Gross non-covered loans	9,912,672	9,387,539	9,086,789
Total impaired loans	(134,438)	(531,817)	(531,651)
Restructured loans subject to the general reserve		112,089	174,041
Non-covered loans subject to general reserve (non-impaired loans and restructured loans subject to the general reserve)	\$ 9,778,234	\$ 8,967,811	\$ 8,729,179
General reserve as % of non-covered loans not evaluated individually for impairment	0.57%	0.66%	0.98%

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**NOTE F New Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Accounting Standards Codification ( ASC ) 860-10, *Transfers and Servicing*. The objective of this guidance is to improve the relevance and comparability of the information that a reporting entity provides in its financial statements about a transfer of financial assets; the effects of a transfer on its financial position, financial performance, and cash flows; and the transferor's continuing involvement, if any, in transferred financial assets. This guidance was effective for financial asset transfers occurring after December 31, 2009. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to be material to the Company consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued ASC 810-10, *Consolidation*. The objective of this guidance is to improve financial reporting by entities involved with variable interest entities and to provide more relevant and reliable information to users of financial statements. This guidance was effective as of January 1, 2010. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to be material to the Company consolidated financial statements.

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2010-06, *Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*. For assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis in periods after initial recognition, the new guidance requires an entity to disclose the amounts of significant transfers between Levels 1 and 2, and transfers into and out of Level 3, of the fair value hierarchy, and the reasons for those transfers. The new guidance requires a gross presentation of purchases and sales of Level 3 activities, and also clarifies existing fair value disclosures about the level of disaggregation and about inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The guidance was effective for the Company as of January 1, 2010, with the exception of the requirement for increased disaggregation of Level 3 activities, which, if applicable, is effective on January 1, 2011. See Note G for new disclosures.

**NOTE G Fair Value Measurements**

U.S. GAAP defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. U.S. GAAP also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

**Level 1:** Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active exchange markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

**Level 2:** Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active and other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

**Level 3:** Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a company's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.



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The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used to measure and report fair value of financial assets and liabilities on a recurring or nonrecurring basis:

**Measured on a Recurring Basis***Securities*

Securities available for sale are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Fair value is determined with quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active and other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data (Level 2).

The following table presents the balance of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2010:

	Level 1	Fair Value at March 31, 2010		Total
		Level 2	Level 3	
		(Dollars in thousands)		
<b>Available-for-sale securities</b>				
Equity securities	\$	\$ 512	\$	\$ 512
Obligations of U.S. government		364,215		364,215
Obligations of states and political subdivisions				
Obligations of foreign governments				
Corporate debt securities				
Mortgage-backed securities				
Agency pass-through certificates		1,912,336		1,912,336
Other debt securities				
Balance at end of period	\$	\$ 2,277,063	\$	\$ 2,277,063

There were no transfers between, into and/or out of Levels 1, 2 or 3 during the six months ended March 31, 2010.

**Measured on a Nonrecurring Basis***Impaired Loans & Real Estate Held for Sale*

From time to time, and on a nonrecurring basis, fair value adjustments to collateral dependent loans and real estate held for sale are recorded to reflect write-downs of principal balances based on the current appraised or estimated value of the collateral.

Real estate held for sale consists principally of properties acquired through foreclosure.

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The following table presents the aggregated balance of assets measured at estimated fair value on a nonrecurring basis through the six months ended March 31, 2010, and the total losses resulting from those fair value adjustments for the quarter and six months ended March 31, 2010. The following estimated fair values are shown gross of 8% estimated selling costs:

	Through March 31, 2010				Quarter	Six Months
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Ended March 31, 2010 Total Losses	Ended March 31, 2010 Total Losses
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Impaired loans (1)	\$	\$	\$ 327,836	\$ 327,836	\$ 34,227	\$ 69,444
Real estate held for sale (2)			113,641	113,641	28,091	48,941
Balance at end of period	\$	\$	\$ 441,477	\$ 441,477	\$ 62,318	\$ 118,385

(1) The loss represents remeasurements of collateral dependent loans.

(2) The loss represents aggregate writedowns and charge-offs on real estate held for sale.

There were no liabilities carried at fair value, measured on a recurring or nonrecurring basis, at March 31, 2010.

Fair Values of Financial Instruments

U. S. GAAP requires disclosure of fair value information about financial instruments, whether or not recognized on the statement of financial condition, for which it is practicable to estimate those values. Certain financial instruments and all non-financial instruments are excluded from the disclosure requirements. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value estimates presented do not reflect the underlying fair value of the Company. Although management is not aware of any factors that would materially affect the estimated fair value amounts presented below, such amounts have not been comprehensively revalued for purposes of these financial statements since the dates shown, and therefore, estimates of fair value subsequent to those dates may differ significantly from the amounts presented below.

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	March 31, 2010		September 30, 2009	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
(Dollars in thousands)				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 919,825	\$ 919,825	\$ 498,388	\$ 498,388
Available-for-sale securities:				
Equity securities	512	512		
Obligations of U.S. government	364,215	364,215	13,824	13,824
Obligations of states and political subdivisions				
Obligations of foreign governments				
Corporate debt securities				
Mortgage-backed securities				
Agency pass-through certificates	1,912,336	1,912,336	2,187,259	2,187,259
Other debt securities				
Total available-for-sale securities	2,277,063	2,277,063	2,201,083	2,201,083
Held-to-maturity securities:				
Equity securities				
Obligations of U.S. government				
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	7,055	7,425	7,435	7,980
Obligations of foreign governments				
Corporate debt securities				
Mortgage-backed securities				
Agency pass-through certificates	84,903	89,152	95,607	99,283
Other debt securities				
Total held-to-maturity securities	91,958	96,577	103,042	107,263
Loans receivable	8,688,485	9,076,338	8,983,430	9,223,038
Covered loans	621,681	621,681		
FHLB stock	151,744	151,744	144,495	144,495
Financial liabilities				
Customer accounts	8,966,652	9,003,346	7,842,310	7,861,129
FHLB advances and other borrowings	2,872,835	2,954,845	2,879,530	2,968,519

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of financial instruments:

*Cash and cash equivalents* The carrying amount of these items is a reasonable estimate of their fair value.

*Available-for-sale securities and held-to-maturity securities* Estimated fair value for investment securities is based on quoted market prices.

*Loans receivable* For certain homogeneous categories of loans, such as fixed- and variable-rate residential mortgages, fair value is estimated using quoted market prices for securities backed by similar loans, adjusted for differences in loan characteristics. The fair value of other loan types is estimated by discounting the future cash flows and estimated prepayments using the current rates at which similar loans would be made to



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borrowers with similar credit ratings and for the same remaining term. Some loan types were valued at carrying value because of their floating rate or expected maturity characteristics. Net deferred loan fees are not included in the fair value calculation but are included in the carrying amount.

*Covered loans* These loans were recorded at estimated fair value on the acquisition date and at March 31, 2010, carrying value approximates fair value.

*FHLB stock* The fair value is based upon the par value of the stock which equates to its carrying value.

*Customer accounts* The fair value of demand deposits, savings accounts, and money market accounts is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value of fixed-maturity certificates of deposit is estimated by discounting the estimated future cash flows using the rates currently offered for deposits with similar remaining maturities.

*FHLB advances and other borrowings* The fair value of FHLB advances and other borrowings is estimated by discounting the estimated future cash flows using rates currently available to the Company for debt with similar remaining maturities.

Reconciliation of amortized cost to fair value of available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities:

	Amortized Cost	March 31, 2010 Gross Unrealized		Fair Value	Yield
		Gains	Losses		
(Dollars in thousands)					
Available-for-sale securities					
U.S. government and agency securities due					
Within 1 year	\$ 500	\$ 12	\$	\$ 512	4.00%
1 to 5 years	70,000	25	(5)	70,020	2.00%
5 to 10 years	291,385	4,223	(1,413)	294,195	3.06%
Over 10 years					0.00%
Mortgage-backed securities					
Agency pass-through certificates	1,845,792	66,735	(191)	1,912,336	5.64%
	2,207,677	70,995	(1,609)	2,277,063	5.18%
Held-to-maturity securities					
Tax-exempt municipal bonds due					
Within 1 year					0.00%
1 to 5 years	3,045	230		3,275	5.62%
5 to 10 years	4,010	140		4,150	5.46%
Over 10 years					0.00%
U.S. government and agency securities due					
1 to 5 years					0.00%
Mortgage-backed securities					
Agency pass-through certificates	84,903	4,249		89,152	5.58%

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	91,958	4,619		96,577	5.58%
	\$ 2,299,635	\$ 75,614	\$ (1,609)	\$ 2,373,640	5.20%

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	Amortized Cost	September 30, 2009 Gross Unrealized		Fair Value	Yield
		Gains	Losses		
(Dollars in thousands)					
<b>Available-for-sale securities</b>					
U.S. government and agency securities due					
Within 1 year	\$ 500	\$ 15	\$	\$ 515	4.00%
1 to 5 years					0.00%
5 to 10 years	9,300	4,009		13,309	10.38%
Over 10 years					0.00%
Mortgage-backed securities					
Agency pass-through certificates	2,105,227	82,041	(9)	2,187,259	5.77%
	2,115,027	86,065	(9)	2,201,083	5.79%
<b>Held-to-maturity securities</b>					
Tax-exempt municipal bonds due					
1 to 5 years	1,140	100		1,240	6.60%
5 to 10 years					0.00%
Over 10 years	6,295	445		6,740	5.72%
U.S. government and agency securities due					
1 to 5 years					0.00%
Mortgage-backed securities					
Agency pass-through certificates	95,607	3,676		99,283	5.57%
	103,042	4,221		107,263	5.59%
	\$ 2,218,069	\$ 90,286	\$ (9)	\$ 2,308,346	5.78%

During the period ending March 31, 2010, \$368,309,000 of available-for-sale securities were sold, resulting in a gain of \$20,428,000. There were no sales of available-for-sale securities during the period ending March 31, 2009.

Substantially all mortgage-backed securities have contractual due dates that exceed 10 years.

The following table shows the unrealized gross losses and fair value of securities at March 31, 2010, by length of time that individual securities in each category have been in a continuous loss position. Securities that were in a continuous loss position for 12 or more months as of March 31, 2010 totaled \$450,000 in fair value, and consisted entirely of mortgage-backed securities. This decline represents only a 0.2% decline of the book value of these investments. Management believes that the declines in fair value of these investments were due to changes in market interest rates and lack of liquidity for these securities, not in estimated cash flows.

Less than 12 months Unrealized Gross Losses	12 months or more		Total Unrealized Gross Losses
	Unrealized Gross Losses	Fair Value	

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		Fair Value	(Dollars in thousands)			Fair Value
U.S. agency securities	\$ (1,418)	\$ 101,062	\$	\$	\$ (1,418)	\$ 101,062
Agency pass-through certificates	(178)	120,572	(13)	450	(191)	121,022
	\$ (1,596)	\$ 221,634	\$ (13)	\$ 450	\$ (1,609)	\$ 222,084



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In regards to the February 2008 merger transaction with First Mutual as discussed in Note A of the 2009 Form 10-K, the Company resolved the matter with the IRS during the quarter ended March 31, 2010. As a result of the resolution, and in accordance with current GAAP, the \$38,865,000 has been recognized as a tax benefit in the consolidated statement of operations.

**NOTE I Covered Assets**

Covered assets represent loans and real estate held for sale acquired from the FDIC that are subject to the loss sharing agreements and were \$654,637,000 as of March 31, 2010.

The Company evaluated the acquired loans and concluded that \$493,434,000 of loans were impaired and would be accounted for under ASC 310-30. Loans are accounted for under ASC 310-30 when there is evidence of credit deterioration since origination and for which it is probable, at acquisition, that the Company would be unable to collect all contractually required payments. The following table reflects the carrying value of all acquired impaired and non-impaired loans as of March 31, 2010:

	<b>Acquired Impaired Loans</b>	<b>Acquired Non-impaired Loans (Dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Single-family residential	\$ 6,983	\$ 53,304	\$ 60,287
Construction - speculative	54,285	18,177	72,462
Construction - custom	1,665		1,665
Land - acquisition & development	133,972	35,306	169,278
Land - consumer lot loans			
Multi-family	9,502	48,607	58,109
Commercial real estate	120,903	175,877	296,780
Commercial & industrial	70,465	61,177	131,642
HELOC	2,714	37,331	40,045
Consumer	2,119	2,076	4,195
<b>Total covered loans</b>	<b>\$ 402,608</b>	<b>\$ 431,855</b>	<b>\$ 834,463</b>
Fair value discount			(212,782)
<b>Covered loans, net</b>			<b>\$ 621,681</b>

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Changes in the carrying amount and accretible yield for acquired impaired and non-impaired loans were as follows for the six months ended March 31, 2010:

	Acquired Impaired Carrying Amount of Loans (Dollars in thousands)	Acquired Non-impaired Carrying Amount of Loans
	Accretible Yield	Accretible Yield
Balance at beginning of period	\$	\$
Additions (1)	36,731	246,383
Accretion	(3,386)	3,386
Payments received, net		(17,627)
Balance at end of period	\$ 33,345	\$ 232,142
		\$ 48,098
		\$ 389,539

(1) Represents the estimated fair value of the loans at the date of acquisition

The Bank has identified approximately \$78,695,000 to submit for reimbursement to the FDIC under such loss-sharing agreements during the period from the acquisition date through March 31, 2010.

At March 31, 2010, none of the acquired impaired or non-impaired loans were classified as non-performing assets. Therefore, interest income, through accretion of the difference between the carrying amount of the loans and the expected cash flows, was recognized on all acquired loans. There was no allowance for loan losses related to the covered loans at March 31, 2010, as these loans are performing as anticipated in the projections used in the purchase accounting fair value calculations.

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**FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

In addition to historical information, this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes certain forward-looking statements, as defined in the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, based on current management expectations. Actual results could differ materially from those management expectations. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding the Company's intentions, beliefs or current expectations as well as the assumptions on which such statements are based. Stockholders and potential stockholders are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and that actual results may differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause future results to vary from current management expectations include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions; legislative and regulatory changes; monetary fiscal policies of the federal government; changes in tax policies; rates and regulations of federal, state and local tax authorities; changes in interest rates; deposit flows; cost of funds; demand for loan products; demand for financial services; competition; changes in the quality or composition of the Company's loan and investment portfolios; changes in accounting principles; policies or guidelines and other economic, competitive, governmental and technological factors affecting the Company's operations, markets, products, services and fees. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results over time.

**GENERAL**

Washington Federal, Inc. ( Company ) is a savings and loan holding company. The Company's primary operating subsidiary is Washington Federal Savings.

**INTEREST RATE RISK**

The Company assumes a high level of interest rate risk as a result of its policy to originate and hold for investment fixed-rate single-family residential ( SFR ) home loans, which are longer-term in nature than the short-term characteristics of its liabilities of customer accounts and borrowed money. At March 31, 2010, the Company had a negative one-year maturity gap of approximately 21% of total assets, a decrease from the 23% negative one-year gap as of December 31, 2009 and the 33% negative one-year gap as of September 30, 2009. The decreases are due to increasing cash balances and the deposit accounts shifting into maturities beyond one year.

The interest rate spread decreased to 3.05% at March 31, 2010 from 3.17% at September 30, 2009. The spread decreased due to a higher proportion of lower yielding investment balances compared to total earning assets as deposit growth has exceeded loan growth. In addition, loan yields are lower as a result of repricing of variable-rate loans and refinancing of fixed-rate mortgages into historically low long-term interest rates. As of March 31, 2010, the weighted average rates on earning assets decreased by 40 basis points compared to September 30, 2009, while the weighted average rates on customer deposit accounts and borrowings decreased by 28 basis points over the same period.

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As of March 31, 2010, the Company had grown total assets by \$1,220,237,000, or 9.7%, from \$12,582,475,000 at September 30, 2009, including \$1,133,589,000 in assets acquired during the Horizon transaction described in Note B. For the quarter ended March 31, 2010, compared to September 30, 2009, loans (both non-covered and covered) increased \$326,736,000, or 3.6%, and investment securities increased \$64,896,000, or 2.8%. Cash and cash equivalents of \$919,825,000 and stockholders' equity of \$1,816,638,000 provides management with flexibility in managing interest rate risk going forward.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

The Company's net worth at March 31, 2010 was \$1,816,638,000, or 13.16%, of total assets. This was an increase of \$71,153,000 from September 30, 2009 when net worth was \$1,745,485,000, or 13.87%, of total assets. The increase in the Company's net worth included \$90,022,000 from net income and a \$10,544,000 decrease in accumulated other comprehensive income. Net worth was also reduced by \$11,208,000 of cash dividend payments.

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Management believes this strong net worth position will help the Company manage its interest rate risk and enable it to compete more effectively for controlled growth through acquisitions, de novo expansion and increased customer deposits. To be categorized as well capitalized, Washington Federal Savings must maintain minimum total risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based and Tier 1 leverage ratios as set forth in the following table.

	Actual		Capital Adequacy Guidelines		Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Capital	Ratio	Capital	Ratio	Capital	Ratio
(Dollars in thousands)						
<b>March 31, 2010</b>						
Total capital to risk-weighted assets	\$ 1,587,328	22.03%	\$ 576,349	8.00%	\$ 720,437	10.00%
Tier I capital to risk-weighted assets	1,504,519	20.88%	N/A	N/A	432,262	6.00%
Core capital to adjusted tangible assets	1,504,519	11.17%	N/A	N/A	673,194	5.00%
Core capital to total assets	1,504,519	11.17%	403,916	3.00%	N/A	N/A
Tangible capital to tangible assets	1,504,519	11.17%	201,958	1.50%	N/A	N/A
<b>September 30, 2009</b>						
Total capital to risk-weighted assets	1,469,857	21.57%	545,034	8.00%	681,293	10.00%
Tier I capital to risk-weighted assets	1,414,885	20.77%	N/A	N/A	408,776	6.00%
Core capital to adjusted tangible assets	1,414,885	11.56%	N/A	N/A	612,094	5.00%
Core capital to total assets	1,414,885	11.56%	367,257	3.00%	N/A	N/A
Tangible capital to tangible assets	1,414,885	11.56%	183,628	1.50%	N/A	N/A

**CHANGES IN FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**Available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities:** Available-for-sale securities increased \$75,980,000, or 3.5%, during the six months ended March 31, 2010, which included the purchase of \$724,709,000 of available-for-sale investment securities. During the same period, \$368,309,000 of available-for-sale securities were sold at a gain of \$20,428,000. Included in these transactions were \$52,473,000 of available-for-sale securities that were former Horizon assets that were sold with no material gain or loss. There were no purchases or sales of held-to-maturity securities in the same period. As of March 31, 2010, the Company had net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities of \$43,887,000, net of tax, which were recorded as part of stockholders' equity. The Company increased its available-for-sale investment portfolio to partially invest additional customer deposits and replace some of the maturing or prepaying loans and mortgage-backed securities.

**Loans receivable:** During the six months ended March 31, 2010, the balance of loans receivable decreased 3.3% to \$8,688,485,000 compared to \$8,983,430,000 at September 30, 2009. This decrease is consistent with management's strategy to reduce the Company's exposure to land and construction loans and not aggressively compete for 30 year fixed-rate mortgages at current market rates. If the current low rates on 30 year fixed-rate mortgages persists, management will consider continuing to shrink its loan portfolio. The following table shows the loan portfolio by category for the last three quarters.

**Covered loans:** As described in Note B, the Company acquired loans from the Horizon transaction with a book value of \$968,434,000, and recorded a \$297,051,000 fair value adjustment related to these loans, for a net balance of \$671,383,000. As of March 31, 2010, covered loans had decreased to \$621,681,000.



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	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2009 (Dollars in thousands)		March 31, 2010	
Single-family residential	\$ 6,785,723	72.3%	\$ 6,755,256	72.8%	\$ 6,684,914	73.5%
Construction - speculative	267,430	2.8	216,793	2.3	196,738	2.2
Construction - custom	258,839	2.8	266,537	2.9	268,407	3.0
Land - acquisition & development	519,130	5.5	479,353	5.2	408,029	4.5
Land - consumer lot loans	195,812	2.1	191,413	2.1	188,475	2.1
Multi-family	705,212	7.5	706,494	7.6	713,310	7.8
Commercial real estate	294,109	3.1	301,932	3.3	287,018	3.2
Commercial & industrial	119,019	1.3	111,356	1.2	107,700	1.2
HELOC	122,184	1.3	128,277	1.4	128,238	1.4
Consumer	120,081	1.3	111,869	1.2	103,960	1.1
	9,387,539	100%	9,269,280	100%	9,086,789	100%
Less:						
Allowance for probable losses	166,836		190,549		194,553	
Loans in Process	200,919		186,763		167,913	
Deferred Net Origination Fees	36,354		36,435		35,838	
	404,109		413,747		398,304	
	\$ 8,983,430		\$ 8,855,533		\$ 8,688,485	

\* Excludes covered loans

**Non-performing assets:** Non-performing assets, which excludes assets acquired in FDIC-assisted transactions as described in Note B, decreased during the quarter ended March 31, 2010 to \$538,928,000 from \$557,120,000 at September 30, 2009, a 3.27% decrease. A disproportionate share of the Company's non-performing assets come from the land A&D and speculative construction portfolios. These assets have seen the largest declines in value in the loan portfolio. The continued elevated level of non-performing assets is attributable to the weakening economy and housing market throughout the Company's eight state branch network. Non-performing assets as a percentage of total assets was 3.90% at March 31, 2010 compared to 4.43% at September 30, 2009. This level of non-performing assets is unprecedented in the Company's 27 year history as a public company. The Company anticipates non-performing assets will continue to be elevated in the future until the residential real estate market stabilizes and values recover.

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The following table sets forth information regarding restructured and non-accrual loans and REO held by the Company at the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2010		September 30, 2009	
	(Dollars in thousands)			
<b>Restructured loans:</b>				
Single-family residential	\$ 191,807	78.4%	\$ 116,988	85.4%
Construction - speculative	11,772	4.8	6,235	4.6
Construction - custom		0.0		0.0
Land - acquisition & development	33,625	13.7	11,186	8.2
Land - consumer lot loans	6,160	2.5	2,485	1.8
Multi-family	1,379	0.6		0.0
Commercial real estate		0.0		0.0
Commercial & industrial		0.0		0.0
HELOC	78	0.0		0.0
Consumer		0.0		0.0
<b>Total restructured loans (1)</b>	<b>244,821</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>136,894</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Non-accrual loans:</b>				
Single-family residential	132,957	39.6%	116,268	30.6%
Construction - speculative	62,169	18.6	50,348	13.2
Construction - custom		0.0		0.0
Land - acquisition & development	113,136	33.8	187,061	49.2
Land - consumer lot loans		0.0		0.0
Multi-family	3,703	1.1	4,368	1.1
Commercial real estate	2,309	0.7	2,733	0.7
Commercial & industrial	19,683	5.9	18,823	5.0
HELOC		0.0		0.0
Consumer	915	0.3	656	0.2
<b>Total non-accrual loans (2)</b>	<b>334,872</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>380,257</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total REO (3)</b>	<b>148,813</b>		<b>120,105</b>	
<b>Total REHI (3)</b>	<b>55,243</b>		<b>56,758</b>	
<b>Total non-performing assets</b>	<b>\$ 538,928</b>		<b>\$ 557,120</b>	
<b>Total non-performing assets and performing restructured loans</b>	<b>\$ 763,058</b>		<b>\$ 674,354</b>	
<b>Total non-performing assets and performing restructured loans as a percentage of total assets</b>	<b>5.53%</b>		<b>5.36%</b>	

(1) Restructured loans were as follows:



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Performing	\$ 224,130	91.5%	\$ 117,234	85.6%
Non-accrual *	20,691	8.5%	19,660	14.4%
	\$ 244,821	100.0%	\$ 136,894	100.0%

\* - Included in Total non-accrual loans above

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- (2) The Company recognized interest income on nonaccrual loans of approximately \$8,673,000 in the six months ended March 31, 2010. Had these loans performed according to their original contract terms, the Company would have recognized interest income of approximately \$21,418,000 for the six months ended March 31, 2010.

In addition to the nonaccrual loans reflected in the above table, at March 31, 2010, the Company had \$310,070,000 of loans that were less than 90 days delinquent but which it had classified as substandard for one or more reasons. If these loans were deemed non-performing, the Company's ratio of total non-performing assets and performing restructured loans as a percent of total assets would have increased to 7.77% at March 31, 2010.

- (3) Total REO and REHI (included in real estate held for sale on the Statement of Financial Condition) includes real estate held for sale acquired in settlement of loans.

The largest effect of any restructured loan has largely been reserved for under the Company's general reserve methodology as most (78.4% as of March 31, 2010) of the loans being modified are from our SFR loan portfolio. If any individual loan is significant in balance, the Company may establish a specific reserve as warranted.

A loan that defaults and is subsequently modified would impact the Company's delinquency trend, which is part of the QRF component of the general reserve calculation. Any modified loan that re-defaults and is charged-off would impact the HLF component of our general reserve calculation.

Allocation of the allowance for loan losses: The following table shows the allocation of the Company's allowance for loan losses at the dates indicated.

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	March 31, 2010			September 30, 2009		
	Amount	Loans to Total Loans (1)	Coverage Ratio (2) (Dollars in thousands)	Amount	Loans to Total Loans (1)	Coverage Ratio (2)
Single-family residential	\$ 39,364	73.5%	0.6%	\$ 18,547	72.3%	0.3%
Construction - speculative	29,355	2.2	14.9	21,841	2.8	8.2
Construction - custom	289	3.0	0.1	81	2.8	0.0
Land - acquisition & development	94,919	4.5	23.3	104,569	5.5	20.1
Land - consumer lot loans	6,531	2.1	3.5	1,298	2.1	0.7
Multi-family	3,520	7.8	0.5	1,878	7.5	0.3
Commercial real estate	2,943	3.2	1.0	1,344	3.1	0.5
Commercial & industrial	10,899	1.2	10.1	7,327	1.3	6.2
HELOC	651	1.4	0.5	377	1.3	0.3
Consumer	6,082	1.1	5.9	9,574	1.3	8.0
	\$ 194,553	100.0%		\$ 166,836	100.0%	

(1) Represents the total amount of the loan category as a % of total non-covered loans outstanding.

(2) Represents the allocated allowance of the loan category as a % of total gross non-covered loans outstanding for the same loan category.  
**Customer accounts:** Customer accounts increased \$1,124,342,000, or 14.3%, to \$8,966,652,000 at March 31, 2010 compared with \$7,842,310,000 at September 30, 2009. As described in Note B, the Company acquired \$819,528,000 of deposits from the Horizon transaction. As of March 31, 2010, the balance of these accounts had decreased by \$139,468,000, or 17.0%, to \$680,060,000, which was included in the \$8,966,652,000 period end balance. The decrease of \$139,468,000 in Horizon balances, which was anticipated by the Company, is due to the nature of the transaction and the repricing of deposits to current market rates. Excluding the \$680,060,000 of Horizon accounts at March 31, 2010, balances at legacy branches increased by \$444,282,000, or 5.7%, which reflects the opportunity created in the marketplace by the failure and/or merger of several large institutions throughout the Company's footprint. The following table shows the composition of the Company's customer accounts as of the dates shown:

Deposits by Type	March 31, 2010			September 30, 2009		
			(Dollars in thousands) Wtd. Avg. Rate			Wtd. Avg. Rate
Checking (noninterest)	\$ 167,050	1.9%	0.00%	\$ 119,654	1.5%	0.00%
NOW (interest)	513,969	5.7	0.51%	406,667	5.2	0.50%
Savings (passbook/stmt)	222,213	2.5	0.51%	197,025	2.5	0.50%
Money Market	1,483,569	16.5	0.87%	1,214,812	15.5	0.87%
CD's	6,579,851	73.4	2.06%	5,904,152	75.3	2.37%
Total	\$ 8,966,652	100%	1.70%	\$ 7,842,310	100%	1.96%



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**FHLB advances and other borrowings:** Total borrowings decreased \$6,695,000, or 0.2%, to \$2,872,835,000 at March 31, 2010, compared with \$2,879,530,000 at September 30, 2009. See Interest Rate Risk above.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Throughout this document we will refer to net income, which is defined as net income available to common shareholders after the payment of preferred dividends.

**Net Income:** The quarter ended March 31, 2010, produced net income of \$82,111,000 compared to \$8,410,000 for the same quarter one year ago. For the six months ended March 31, 2010, net income totaled \$90,022,000, which was an increase of \$61,443,000 from the same period last year. The increase for the quarter and six months resulted primarily from the \$54,789,000 after tax gain on the acquisition of Horizon and a \$38,865,000 tax benefit related to the settlement of a contingent tax liability. In addition, during the six months ended March 31, 2010, the Company recognized a gain on sale of available-for-sale securities of \$20,428,000. Offsetting these income items was a significant increase in the provision for loan losses, which increased \$44,173,000, or 49.6%, to \$133,173,000 for the six months ended March 31, 2010, as compared to the same period one year ago.

**Net Interest Income:** The largest component of the Company's earnings is net interest income, which is the difference between the interest and dividends earned on loans and other investments and the interest paid on customer deposits and borrowings. Net interest income is impacted primarily by two factors; first, the volume of earning assets and liabilities and second, the rate earned on those assets or the rate paid on those liabilities.

The following table sets forth certain information explaining changes in interest income and interest expense for the periods indicated compared to the same periods one year ago. For each category of interest-earning asset and interest-bearing liability, information is provided on changes attributable to (1) changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by old rate) and (2) changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by old volume). The change in interest income and interest expense attributable to changes in both volume and rate has been allocated proportionately to the change due to volume and the change due to rate.

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	Comparison of Quarters Ended 3/31/10 and 3/31/09			Comparison of Six Months Ended 3/31/10 and 3/31/09		
	Volume	Rate	Total	Volume	Rate	Total
<b>Interest income:</b>						
Loans and covered loans	\$ (3,290)	\$ (1,431)	\$ (4,721)	\$ (11,233)	\$ (8,354)	\$ (19,587)
Mortgaged-backed securities	(324)	(6,920)	(7,244)	5,202	(10,477)	(5,275)
Investments(1)	1,407	(576)	831	2,322	(1,462)	860
<b>All interest-earning assets</b>	<b>(2,207)</b>	<b>(8,927)</b>	<b>(11,134)</b>	<b>(3,709)</b>	<b>(20,293)</b>	<b>(24,002)</b>
<b>Interest expense:</b>						
Customer accounts	8,620	(22,048)	(13,428)	14,416	(47,267)	(32,851)
FHLB advances and other borrowings	(4,011)	2,747	(1,264)	(9,897)	7,434	(2,463)
<b>All interest-bearing liabilities</b>	<b>4,609</b>	<b>(19,301)</b>	<b>(14,692)</b>	<b>4,519</b>	<b>(39,833)</b>	<b>(35,314)</b>
<b>Change in net interest income</b>	<b>\$ (6,816)</b>	<b>\$ 10,374</b>	<b>\$ 3,558</b>	<b>\$ (8,228)</b>	<b>\$ 19,540</b>	<b>\$ 11,312</b>

(1) Includes interest on cash equivalents and dividends on FHLB stock

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Provision for Loan Losses: The Company recorded a \$63,423,000 provision for loan losses during the quarter ended March 31, 2010, while a \$54,000,000 provision was recorded for the same quarter one year ago. Non-performing assets amounted to \$538,928,000, or 3.90%, of total assets at March 31, 2010, compared to \$492,131,000, or 4.01%, of total assets one year ago. The Company had net charge-offs of \$59,419,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 compared with \$15,711,000 of net charge-offs for the same quarter one year ago. This significant increase in the provision for loan losses is in response to three primary factors: first, the overall deterioration in the housing market in general in the Company's eight western state territory, second, the significant increase in the combined balance of non-performing assets in the land A&D and speculative construction portfolios, and finally, the material increase in net charge-offs for the quarter. Management believes that higher non-performing assets and charge-offs may continue going forward until the housing market begins to recover. Similarly, management expects the provision to remain at elevated levels until non-performing assets and charge-offs improve.

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The following table analyzes the Company's allowance for loan losses at the dates indicated.

	Quarter		Six Months	
	Ended March 31, 2010	2009	Ended March 31, 2010	2009
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Beginning balance	\$ 190,549	\$ 104,835	\$ 166,836	\$ 85,058
Charge-offs:				
Single-family residential	10,034	2,155	16,205	5,235
Construction - speculative	6,935	2,536	15,550	7,039
Construction - custom		180	95	180
Land - acquisition & development	39,720	6,021	68,901	9,578
Land - consumer lot loans	497	420	828	1,140
Multi-family	225	670	225	670
Commercial real estate	128		128	
Commercial & industrial	1,080	2,032	1,464	4,203
HELOC			69	
Consumer	1,845	1,982	3,745	3,339
	60,464	15,996	107,210	31,384
Recoveries:				
Single-family residential	38	10	127	12
Construction - speculative	322		524	
Construction - custom				
Land - acquisition & development	242		275	16
Land - consumer lot loans				
Multi-family				
Commercial real estate	1		2	
Commercial & industrial	212	170	367	214
HELOC				
Consumer	230	105	459	208
	1,045	285	1,754	450
Net charge-offs	59,419	15,711	105,456	30,934
Provision for loan losses	63,423	54,000	133,173	89,000
Acquired reserves				
Ending balance	\$ 194,553	\$ 143,124	\$ 194,553	\$ 143,124
Ratio of net charge-offs to average non-covered loans outstanding	0.67%	0.16%	1.18%	0.32%

The ratio of net charge-offs to average non-covered loans outstanding on our largest loan category, SFR mortgages, remains relatively low at 24 basis points through March 31, 2010. The same ratio was 26 basis points at September 30, 2009.





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Other Income: The quarter ended March 31, 2010 produced total other income of \$91,054,000 compared to \$4,388,000 for the same quarter one year ago, an increase of \$86,666,000. The quarter ended March 31, 2010, included an \$85,608,000 gain on the acquisition of Horizon (see Note B).

Other Expense: The quarter ended March 31, 2010, produced total other expense of \$39,961,000 compared to \$25,061,000 for the same quarter one year ago, a 59.5% increase. The increase in total other expense over the same comparable period one year ago was primarily due to two factors. The first was an increase in compensation and benefits of \$10,339,000, which included the addition of Horizon employees, as well as the accrual of a performance bonus for employees resulting from the significant growth in earnings. The second factor was the \$3,688,000 increase in FDIC insurance premiums incurred by the Company. Total other expense for the quarters ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 equaled 1.19% and .81%, respectively, of average assets. The number of staff, including part-time employees on a full-time equivalent basis, was 1,275 and 1,113 at March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Taxes: Income taxes decreased \$20,110,000, or 331.1%, for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, when compared to the same period one year ago. This decrease was the result of a \$38,865,000 tax benefit related to the settlement of a contingent tax liability, as discussed in Note H. The effective tax rate for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, was -21.13% due to the tax benefit, compared to 35.54% for the same period one year ago. If the \$38,865,000 was excluded, the effective tax rate would have been 36.50% for the quarter ended March 31, 2010. The Company expects an effective tax rate of 36.00% going forward.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Management believes that there have been no material changes in the Company's quantitative and qualitative information about market risk since September 30, 2009. For a complete discussion of the Company's quantitative and qualitative market risk, see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in the Company's 2009 Form 10-K.

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**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer along with the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Exchange Act ) Rule 13a-15. Based upon that evaluation, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, along with the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to the Company (including its consolidated subsidiaries) required to be included in the Company's periodic SEC filings. There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Disclosure controls and procedures are Company controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its President and Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

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From time to time the Company or its subsidiaries are engaged in legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business, none of which are considered to have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Not applicable

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

The following table provides information with respect to purchases made by or on behalf of the Company of the Company's common stock during the three months ended March 31, 2010.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan (1)	Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan at the End of the Period
January 1, 2010 to January 31, 2010		\$		2,888,314
February 1, 2010 to February 28, 2010				2,888,314
March 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010				2,888,314
Total				2,888,314

- (1) The Company's only stock repurchase program was publicly announced by the Board of Directors on February 3, 1995 and has no expiration date. Under this ongoing program, a total of 21,956,264 shares have been authorized for repurchase.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

Not applicable

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The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Washington Federal, Inc. was held on January 20, 2010. The two items voted upon by shareholders included the election of three directors, each for a three-year term, and the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accountants for fiscal year 2010. The results of the voting were as follows:

	Votes Cast		Votes	Total
	For	Against	Withheld	Votes Cast
<b>Election of Directors</b>				
Derek L. Chinn - 3-year term	87,789,775		808,206	88,597,981
Thomas J. Kelley - 3-year term	87,809,808		788,173	88,597,981
Barbara L. Smith - 3-year term	87,800,070		797,911	88,597,981
<b>Ratify appointment of Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP</b>	<b>102,655,597</b>	<b>315,191</b>	<b>119,041</b>	<b>103,089,829</b>

**Item 6. Exhibits**

## (a) Exhibits

- 31.1 Section 302 Certification by the Chief Executive Officer
- 31.2 Section 302 Certification by the Chief Financial Officer
- 32 Section 906 Certification by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

May 10, 2010

/s/ Roy M. Whitehead  
ROY M. WHITEHEAD  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

May 10, 2010

/s/ Brent J. Beardall  
BRENT J. BEARDALL  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer