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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Kasanders Thomas Eugene			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC [wfs1]					
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	02/08/2010		4. Relationshi Person(s) to I		orting	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
425 PIKE STR	EET				(2)					
(Street)					(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group		
SEATTLE, V	VAÂ 981	01			Director X Officer (give title below Senior		•	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table	I - N	on-Derivat	ive Sec	urities Be	eneficially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amo Benefic (Instr. 4	ially (Securities Owned	3. Owners Form: Direct (or Indire (I) (Instr. 5	hip Own (Instr D) ect	nture of Indirect Beneficial ership r. 5)		
Common Stock	C C		8,639	(1)		D	Â			
Reminder: Report of owned directly or i	-	te line for each	ch class of securities be	neficia	ally S	EC 1473	(7-02)			
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Tabl	le II - Deri	vative Secur	ities Beneficially Own	ed (e.	g., puts, calls,	warrant	s, options, o	convertible securities)		

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		Annth/Day/Year) Sec Der		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options	02/01/2009	02/01/2018	Stock Options	5,000	\$ 25.21	D	Â
Stock Options	03/24/2010	03/24/2018	Stock Options	2,500	\$ 24.03	D	Â
Stock Options	04/20/2011	04/20/2019	Stock Options	1,250	\$ 11.48	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addres	s	Relationships					
		10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Kasanders Thomas Eugene 425 PIKE STREET SEATTLE, WA 98101	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â			
Signatures							
Thomas E. 02 Kasanders	/16/2010						
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date						

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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This number of shares consists of a 4,000 share grant of restricted stock dated February 1, 2008, of which all are currently unrestricted; a 2,000 share grant of restricted stock dated October 22, 2008, of which 500 shares are currently unrestricted; a 2,500 share grant of

(1) 2,000 share grant of restricted stock dated October 22, 2008, of which boo shares are currently unrestricted, and 139 shares owned by Mr. Kasanders in his employee benefits plan.

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