

The (Late) Blues News

Saturday, June 11th, 2011

Blue Mountain Chapter Washington Farm Forestry met at 10:00 AM in the Delany room - Dayton Library.

President Greg Kelly hosted an informal presentation on forestry in Chile. It included a tour of Port Lirquen, Mininco Forestry Company, the largest wood products company totally integrated from forest plantations to paper products. Within this company is Allesandri Park, a public education center, a forest museum, and youth education center. A highly managed Radiata pine forest was presented by the managing forester and a forest walk through historic and preserved Aricaria forest.

Bob Coates, consulting forester from Northwest Management, presented a slide show of retrieving 100 year old logs from the bottom of Flathead Lake. After the Duvoe family mill burned down, the logs were abandoned and sank. Divers and dive boats are used to retrieve the logs. The logs are milled and for sale as specialty wood products.

Craig Martin gave a talk and slide presentation on his personal hands on experience of planting 6000 trees in one month all by himself. Craig discussed the use of Velpar for weed control, pros and cons, protection of the new plantings using tubes, stumps, and rose bushes. White tail deer are hard to compete with. Craig demonstrated a shovel he re-configured for planting.

Our forest field day is scheduled for September 17th 2011 in Anatone, WA. It is being hosted by Jay Holzmilller. A start time of 9:30 AM is planned. So far, we have a live small logging and thinning demonstration. We will do a forest walk with a consulting forester and visit a couple examples of forest management. The local FFA will make a BBQ lunch available for a reasonable price. Possible transportation from Dayton is being discussed.

Respectively Submitted,

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