

# **Cowlitz Farm Forestry Association**

*Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association*



This year we are going to have our chapter picnic July 30 at 12:00 noon. Gina Andrews volunteered her Tree Farm on the Coweeman River. There is a very nice developed picnic area with some shelter from the weather if needed. Gina and family are going to barbecue hamburgers for everyone; the chapter is going to supply drinks. Please bring a small salad or dessert for the potluck. We will have paper plates and plastic silverware if you want to bring your own that would be great and please bring lawn chairs. Since we need to know how many hamburgers and drinks please RSVP to Ron & Sara Pursley (360)274-7297 or email [cowlitzfarmforestry@gmail.com](mailto:cowlitzfarmforestry@gmail.com).

Gina is planning on putting a conservation easement on this parcel with the Columbia Land Trust. After our picnic lunch, Charlie Chambers and a representative from the Columbia Land Trust will explain all that this involves and the tax advantages.

To get to Gina's tree farm from the north or Longview go to I-5 exit 36 and go south on Old Pacific Hwy towards Carrolls for about 1.5 miles, then left on Rose Valley Road for 3.7 miles. Turn left at the Mark Andrews Tree Farm sign and Cowlitz Farm Forestry sign. From the south, take I-5 exit 32 then north on Old Pacific Hwy past Carrolls and turn right on Rose Valley Road (Address: 2336 Rose Valley Road). If all else fails my cell# is (360)749-0139.

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**August 17, 2011** is the date of a twilight tour to Barker Tree Farm located west of Longview. We will meet and carpool from the Stella Lutheran Church parking lot at 5:30 PM. Dick Woods will show and explain selection cut harvesting from his 33 year old Douglas fir plantation. You can decide if this system of forest management will best accomplish your tree farm goals. The Stella Lutheran Church is approximately three miles north of Stella up Germany Creek Road (then left on Sherman Road, address 124 Sherman Road).

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For August 16, 2011, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional district Potluck with Jaime Herrera Beutler is planned, at the tree farm of the "2011 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year", Byron and Donna Loucks. All chapter members are invited and encouraged to attend. It will be held on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and will from 11 am to 1 pm with lunch at noon. Congresswoman Herrera Beutler will issue a press release regarding the federal and state regulatory burdens on tree farmers, give a speech regarding the same, and join us for lunch and a short tour. Please bring a small salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. The B&D Tree Farm is located at 765 Brockway Road (but there is no number on the site). Take Exit 77 off of I-5, go west 2 miles. Turn right on Chilvers Road. In 1/8 mile, stay left at the Y. Continue 1 mile on Chilvers Road. Turn right on Jeffries Road. Continue 1.3 miles, then turn right on Brockway Road. Continue up Brockway .4 mile to entrance on right. Follow gravel road to parking.

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At the state level, WFFA has two very important committees. One is Legislative, which is working on getting legislative supporters for smaller buffers on smaller streams as well as watching for attempts by agencies to balance their budgets by raising fees. The DNR trying to raise FPA costs to balance their budget .

The other is the Policy Committee which is watching every thing from biomass to the spotted owl recovery plan and B&O tax exemptions. To continue having a strong and able association we need more new members. I would like to thank everyone who found or became a new member last year and would like all current members to encourage someone to join this year. The **NEW MEMBER** rate is once again \$45 at the state level and with our chapter paying \$10 of the cost; it is **only \$35** for the rest of this year and all of next year. Your friends, neighbors or family members interested in forest management should be made aware of WFFA as it is looking out for their interests. Feel free to bring them to the picnic or twilight tour and see what we are all about.

Sincerely, **Ron Pursley**

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