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To Members of Grays Harbor Farm Forestry:

We have been tossing around ideas for educational meetings for Grays Harbor Chapter, and would like input from members on what their interest may be. Here are a few suggestions:

1. A meeting to help Tree Farm participants write a management plan that meets the requirements of the American Tree Farm Program. We have at least three certified inspectors to help.
2. "Ties to the Land", a family succession program to help those who wish to pass their land on to the next generation.
3. Power saw safety and maintenance by a Stihl representative.
4. Weed control using herbicides or other methods.
5. Biomass - how to utilize logging slash, including Grays Harbor Paper's program for generating power, and possibly, a commercial wood cutter.
6. Possible field trips to look at a completed Long Term Forest Practices Permit, or a completed EQIP project.

Please email President Loren Hiner at lhiner@montesano.us or reply to this email address (atkins@waypoint.com) to let us know which of these programs interest you, or suggest others, including field trips to your tree farm or elsewhere.

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