



KITTITAS FOREST LANDOWNER NEWS

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WFFA Annual Meeting Ellensburg, May 29-30

Kittitas Chapter is the Host!

Because of our chapter role with the annual meeting we will not be holding our traditional spring meeting. At our fall, 2008 meeting eleven of you signed up to volunteer for all the details that need to be taken care of - more about that later.

Here in a nutshell is what has been organized so far:

The Friday, May 29 meeting will be held at the Kittitas Valley Event Center (KVEC) (aka fairgrounds) in the Teanaway building that has kitchen facilities. Registration begins at 8 AM. The Sat. May 30 field day will be at the Larrin & Helen Wanechek Tree Farm on Hwy 970 just east of Cle Elum.

The theme, "**We can't hide our FOREST PRIDE: Keeping Farm Forest Lands for Generations to Come**".

After Friday morning's General Membership Business meetings we will have a welcome by Kittitas County Commissioner, Alan Crankovich followed by an address by the new Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark. Next will be a presentation on the Washington State Forestland Data Set. We will then host the Washington Tree Farm Program "Outstanding Tree Farm of the Year" luncheon. After lunch there will be a panel presentation with experts discussing

"The Basics of Growing Forest Trees: What do I need to know?" Andy Perleberg is program chairman. The Friday evening Awards banquet will also include a guest presentation or entertainment.

The Friday lunch will be a sack lunch provided by Super 1. The Friday banquet will be catered by Cascade Mountain Grilling.

Saturday's tree farm tour will be a half day event finishing with a BBQ lunch catered by the local FFA chapter.

This is our association's annual event where you can meet and greet both our "fresh" and our "seasoned" tree farmers from around the state, get some sage advice, and see some new tree farm tricks. Registration packets will be sent in the mail to all WFFA members after March 15th. For more information contact Phil at (509) 952-0678 or hessphil@msn.com or email Erica at info@wafarmforestry.com.

Now For Volunteer Opportunities:

For May 29th beginning at 7:30 AM
2-3 parking lot attendants and greeters at KVEC
4-5 people to man the registration desk.
4-5 people to man the AM & noon coffee/drink station; includes making coffee, and helping to pass out the sack lunches and beverages.

So a total of up to 13 for Friday AM. After registration this number can be reduced to 2 or 3 at the drink station then up to 4 or 5 for lunch.

The evening banquet will be taken care of by Cascade Mountain Grilling, but it will help to have 2 or 3 people on standby to assist with set up.

For Sat. May 30 beginning at 8 AM,
We will need one lead person to be in charge of signing, to Wanecheks. This person will need up to 3 helpers.

Then we will need another lead person in charge of parking. This person will need 2 helpers.

All these people should have safety vests, and maybe communication.

So a total of up to 7 people for signing, directing and parking.

These duties will be completed by about 9:30.

Explanation:

Most, if not all attendees will take I-90 to exit 85, then go east on Hwy 970 to Wanechek driveway. This then would be a left hand turn across oncoming traffic with poor site distance - which creates a safety issue.

So instead, we will direct people to turn left (north) off hwy 970 on to Airport road, proceed to Masterson road, turn right(east) and proceed to 970. Then it is only .3 mile to the Wanechek driveway and a right turn with the traffic - - much safer. We will have a map handout at the registration desk.

Signing: we will need 3 fairly large signs:

1 on 970 at Airport Rd

1 on Airport road to Masterson Rd.

1 on 970 to Wanechek driveway

+ 1 small sign at 970.

At each of the large signs we should have one person(wearing safety vests). The signs can then be removed after about 9:30.

Large Signs: Approx. 4' x 4' with WFFA, two with left point arrows and one with right pointing arrow. The sign board will need a hinged leg. Sign maker needed; cost of materials reimbursable. We already have the small signs.

The field day program at Wanechek's is from 9 to Noon or longer for those want to visit and continue looking around. We are still working on the specifics.

We will need two or 3 people as gofers and just helping to coordinate.

In Summary:

As you can see there is room for a volunteer to fill more than one duty. But it will be nice to have enough people to spread the duties so that each volunteer has free time.

So far, we have 11 people that signed up to volunteer at our fall 2008 meeting.

More are Welcome, so if you would like to be on the list email Phil - hessphil@msn.com

About mid-March Phil will set up an email list of Volunteers and we can begin to assign duties in April.

If you have a time or duty preference let Phil know.

Member News

Thanks to all who have paid 2009 dues (37). If you have not paid for 2009, please do (16).

Jul & Barbara Nickerson are in Borrego Springs, CA again this winter.

Welcome New Members: Peter & Joan Ackroyd, Thembi Borrass, James Curdy, Rob Deter & Babs Ballard, Robert & Robyn Ellis and Ted Leavitt.

Quote for the Day

"Volunteer - from the Greek VOL, meaning to kill oneself, UNTEER, meaning without pay".

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