



LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

JUNE 2008 MEETING NOTICE

**When: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 7:00 p.m. business meeting
7:30 p.m. program**

What: Washington's OTHER Hardwoods

**Who: Connie Harrington, Research Forester,
USDA Forest Service, PNW Research Station, Olympia**

**Where: Lewis County Court House Basement
Conference Room at West End**

Washington's hardwood species play important ecological roles -- they are often "hot spots" for biodiversity and wildlife habitat in what is generally a conifer-dominated landscape. In addition, most can be harvested to produce income (lumber, furniture, specialty products, pulp, firewood). Financial assistance programs are available for some activities such as planting or managing oak. Harrington will provide an overview of the main hardwoods in western Washington and will concentrate on discussing the hardwoods other than alder (as most landowners are familiar with alder).

Upcoming Events

Wed., June 11: SSFFA Twilight Tour – Cut-to-length thinning by Ken's Kustom Cutting on Port Blakely property. Meet at Little Creek Casino near Shelton at 6:30.

Wed. July 9: SSFFA Tour, Ft Lewis Tree Farming. RSVP Required – Noon- 4 p.m.

Tues. July 16: LCFFA Twilight Tour – TBA

Wed. August 13: SSFFA Twilight Tour - TBA

Tues. August 19: Twilight Tour and Picnic at Jim & Tricia Murphy's property

Wed. September 10: SSFFA Small custom sawmill

Tues., September 16: LCFFA Twilight Tour of Specialty Hardwood Facility

Wed. October 8: SSFFA Educational Program: Financial incentives, cost share program

Tues. October 21: LCFFA Educational Program – Aerial Photos

LCFFA Board Meeting Summary

The LCFFA Board met on June 4 to discuss several important issues. It is time to look for nominees for our November Awards Banquet. A tree farm awards committee was formed of Steves Pedersen, Webster and Stinson and a short list of potential candidates was developed. Please contact Steve Stinson at 360-269-5108 if you know of a Lewis County Chapter member who is worthy of an award for their management efforts. Award activities include: community service, thinning, forest management, wildlife enhancement and regeneration.

In the last year, since our very successful hosting of the WFFA Annual Meeting, the Board has discussed how to best utilize the money we earned on projects that are appropriate and meaningful for our organization. Some of the suggestions are:

- 1) **Provide a scholarship for a college student**, specifically a student from Lewis County attending a 2 or 4 year forestry school. People who attended the recent LCFFA presentation by Green River Community College were very impressed with the program there and would like to encourage students to attend.
- 2) **Design, purchase and sell signs for members to post**, possibly something along the lines of "This watershed sustained by family forests" or a generic WFFA sign. Rick Carter has been working on various proposals and will bring mock-ups to a future meeting.
- 3) **Contribute funds to WFFA to revise and reprint the "Stewards of the Land" brochure**, which is used to distribute to non-members who might be interested in what we do;
- 4) **Sponsor a teacher to attend the Temperate Forest Foundation workshop**;

The Board ranked #1 and #2 as our top choices, but no action will be taken without a vote of the members at a regular meeting, probably in October.

If you have other ideas on what we can do to support education about forestry, for any group of people – members, students, or the general public – please share them with a LCFFA officer or bring them up at a meeting.