



# LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

*Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association*

## **JUNE 2010 TWILIGHT TOUR**

**When:** Tuesday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.  
**What:** Tour of the City of Chehalis Poplar Farm  
**Where:** 1 mile west of I-5 Exit 77 on Highway 6

The Chehalis Poplar Farm was established by the City of Chehalis in April, 2004, in response to a requirement to make major modifications to their waste treatment facilities. Most of the options being considered involved discharging purified waste water to the Chehalis River - an option that came with a long list of regulations and requirements from various state agencies. Partially to gain a greater degree of independence from these regulations, the city opted to use the waste water to irrigate crops of hybrid poplar which will produce useful wood products and all the while help cleanse the air, sequester carbon dioxide, and provide habitat for various bird species and other critters. Good going, Chehalis!

Wastewater Superintendent Patrick Wiltzius will take us through the steps from land acquisition to site preparation, planting, engineering design, and finally successful application of waste water. It is a great story, especially for folks like us who love to grow trees.

### **Washington Forest Practices and Legal Rights of Small Forest Landowners**

The **Citizens Alliance for Property Rights (CAPR)**, **Family Forest Foundation (FFF)**, and the **Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA)** have teamed up to bring you an educational seminar titled: **'Forest & Fish Rules and the Law: Takings impacts on Small Forest Landowners'**. The legal firms of **Groen, Stephens and Klinge** and **Pacific Legal Foundation** will provide a general overview of takings law, takings law and Forest and Fish, and a description of a viable parcel for a takings case.

This seminar will be held on **Thursday June 24, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** with an hour break for lunch which will be provided. It will be held at the **Veterans Memorial Museum, 100 SW Veterans Way in Chehalis, WA**. Take I-5 **exit #77**, go west and then immediately south on Riverside Road and then left on Veterans Way.

Attendees will receive legal instruction, time for Q & A's, and a binder of legal definitions and cases. This seminar will provide **expert legal information** at a **reasonable price** and in a format that **provides value** to Small Forest Landowners.

To register send \$60 per person or \$100 per couple (one notebook) and mail to Washington Farm Forestry Association at PO Box 1010, Chehalis, WA 98532. Registration is for the seminar, lunch and materials and is first come first serve. **Space is limited** and the **deadline** for receipt of check or credit card info is **Monday June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Credit card form can be found at [www.wafarmforestry.com](http://www.wafarmforestry.com). For more info call 360.736.5750 or email [rdunning@wafarmforestry.com](mailto:rdunning@wafarmforestry.com)

### **Membership Drive**

The WFFA Board recently authorized a special "New Member" membership rate of **\$45 for all categories of ownership for the first year**. New members will also receive a "goodie bag" of a sign and 2 books" and their membership will be good from now until the end of 2011. What a deal! Now you have no excuse not to contact your friend or neighbor who might be interested, or buy a membership for another family member! No special form is needed. Just use the regular membership form (Get one on the WFFA web page or at a meeting if you don't have one). Write **NEW MEMBER RATE \$45** and sign your name, then have them send in the check (or do it yourself if you can get their check in hand). Need more info? Call Donna Loucks, 736-2147 or Patty Vance 497-3132.

**A special invitation to join South Sound Farm Forestry Association**  
**As they cross over the county line to host a tour in Lewis County**

**When: June 9, tour starts at 7 pm**  
**but allow time to walk 700 feet uphill to the starting point**  
**What Tour of Boyd Wilson's Tree Farm**  
**Where: 688 Big Hanaford Road, Centralia**

Go north on Pearl Street in Centralia to the intersection with Big Hanaford Road (at Schaefer Park). Turn onto Big Hanaford and continue for about 3 miles. Watch for green tree farm tour signs showing the parking area on the right, just before the steam plant which will be in view.

The tree farm is about 700' up a steep & rough forest road just beyond the parking area. Parking up the hill is very limited, but available by 4 wheel drive. Transportation for those needing assistance getting to the starting point up the hill will be available at the Parking area.

This 40 acre tree farm was clear-cut and replanted to Douglas-fir in 1990 and is now a typical 2<sup>nd</sup> growth forest. What could go wrong? Anticipate a walking tour of about ½ mile on trails and unimproved roads. For more information contact Ken Miller, kenbonniemiller@gmail.com or 360-705-1888.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Wednesday, July 14:** SSFFA, Wild Thyme Tree Farm – value added & carbon sequestration

**Tuesday July 20:** LCFFA Annual Picnic and tour – Skyo Tree Farm near Randle

**Wednesday Aug 11:** SSFFA, Chuck Higgins Tree Farm on Michigan Hill north of Centralia

**Tuesday Aug. 17:** LCFFA Twilight Tour: Bahr Tree Farm, owned by Catherine and Wally Samuelson

**Wednesday Sept 8:** SSFFA Commencement Bay Mill Company (log yard and mill tour)

**Tuesday Sept. 21:** LCFFA Twilight Tour: PLS Log Yard in Longview