



# LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

*Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association*

## MAY 2006 MEETING NOTICE

- When:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006      7:00 p.m. business meeting  
7:30 p.m. program
- What:** I-933: Property Fairness Initiative – Pro and Con
- Who:** Dan Woods, representing Washington Farm Bureau  
And  
A Representative of the Community Protection Coalition
- Where:** Lewis County Court House Basement  
Conference Room at West End

All WFFA members received information on I-933 in the last Landowner News. Here is a chance to hear from representatives of both a supporting group and an opposing group. Speakers will have 15 minutes each to present their points, and then it will be opened to questions from the audience.

Come learn more about this initiative so that you can make an informed decision about whether you want to support it by signing the initiative and voting for it if it reaches the ballot, or whether you want to oppose it.

### Upcoming Events

**NOTE:** Two of our summer meetings (June and August) are on Saturdays rather than the usual third Tuesday. Please mark them on your calendar now so you don't miss them.

Wed. May 10: South Sound FFA: **Port Blakely Educational Tour.** Take the tour that Kelly Stanley gives to hundreds of students each year. Located southwest of Black Lake on Delphi Road. For map or driving instructions, contact Ken Miller 360-705-1888 or ken@oly

June 8-10: **WFFA Annual Meeting,** Colville. You should have received registration information. If you haven't, contact Ralph Liguori 509-279-6079 or Liguori.LazyL@att.net

Sat. June 17: Joint LCFFA, SSFFA meeting – **Bird, bat and bee house building and bird habitat tour.** Morning, afternoon, or just for lunch. At Ken & Bonnie Miller's near Millersylvania S.P.

Tues. July 18: **Twilight Tour at Hansen Family Tree Farm,** LCFFA 2006 Tree Farm of the Year

Sat. August 5: **Tagshinny Tree Farm Celebration,** National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, at Tom and Sherry Fox's, Ethel

### **2007 WFFA Annual Meeting**

Just so you can start thinking ahead: Lewis County Farm Forestry Association is responsible for organizing the 2007 WFFA Annual Meeting. The location and date have already been set: April 26-28 at the Red Lion in Kelso. President Steve Pedersen will soon be asking for volunteers to form committees and begin making plans. Please surprise him by offering your services before he asks you! We are anxious to involve more people than just the board members, so please step forward to assist with this once-a-decade responsibility.

### **Early Information on the June Meeting, Saturday June 17**

As we all know, our forests provides habitat for many animals, including many species of birds. Some members enhance the habitat by adding bird houses and feeders, but even if we do nothing extra, we are providing essential food and cover for birds. At our June meeting, we will be focusing on **birds**. We will join the South Sound Farm Forestry Association at Ken and Bonnie Miller's tree farm near Millersylvania State Park. Last year, South Sound FFA had a very successful bird house building event, which we will be repeating. Plan to bring your children or grandchildren to assemble a bird house (or bat box or mason bee blocks) to take home. In addition, two tours will be offered, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Miller's site provides a wonderful comparison between a young managed forest and the mature forest of the state park. We look forward to learning how different kinds of birds utilize different habitat types. At noon, there will be a potluck lunch. You can come all day, half a day, or just for the potluck. More details will follow next month, but mark your calendar now, as this is not on our usual meeting time.