



**LEWIS COUNTY
FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION**
Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

SEPTEMBER 2008 TWILIGHT TOUR

What: Tour of The Specialty Chest, buyers of figured maple

Who: Lana Massa and Alan Dionne

When: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 6:30 p.m.

Where: 754 Highway 505, Winlock, WA 98596

The Specialty Chest LCC (TSC, LLC) specializes in Figured Musical and Architectural Hardwoods including Hawaiian Koa ,Northwest Figured Big Leaf Maple , Maple Burls Veneer, and clear hardwoods from the East Coast.

TSC's initial focus is to identify and process valuable figured maple; thereby returning the highest \$ value possible to the landowner.

In doing so, they have fallen in love with figured wood and also purchase non-musical grades and transform them into beautiful finished products.

Please join us at our new shop located at 754 Highway 505. Winlock, WA

Driving Directions: Take I-5 to Exit 63. Proceed east (towards Toledo) 1/2 mile on State Route 505 #754 lies on the south side just after the bridge for Lacamas Creek.

Carpool from Chehalis: Meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Park and Ride at the southeast corner of Exit 77.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Sept. 10: South Sound FFA: UCRWOOD, Don Avery, Rochester, custom cut specialty wood. For more information call Ken Miller, 360-705-1888 or kenbonniemiller@gmail.com
- Oct. 21: LCFFA Educational Meeting, Aerial photos and maps, Lewis County Courthouse Basement, 7:00 business meeting, 7:30 program
- Nov. 18: LCFFA Awards Banquet at the Kit Carson Restaurant

Family Forest Foundation announces progress on Habitat Conservation Plan

Over 10 years, utilizing about \$4 million in federal, state and private funds, Lewis County and the Family Forest Foundation have worked to develop the Family Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (FFHCP) in a collaborative process that also involved federal and state agencies, local Tribes, and two independent scientific peer reviews. On Sept. 4, Lewis County submitted the plan to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries offices in Lacey. Consultants working under direction of the Services and funded by the Foundation also submitted an administrative draft DEIS to the Services representing a major milestone toward completion of the NEPA process.

“Family forests are an integral part of Lewis County’s economy and environment,” said Lewis County Commissioner Lee Grose. “With all the time, effort and participation that has gone into developing this state-of-the-art approach to conserving fish and wildlife habitat on family forest lands, we’re looking forward to what we believe will be a favorable response from the federal agencies, and to the public review and ultimate approval of the plan.”

The objective of the FFHCP is to provide regulatory stability and scientifically credible long-term planning options to family forest owners committed to keeping their lands in forest use while providing essential, quality low land habitat to 56 fish and wildlife species.

The FFHCP is an incentive-based plan that rewards and encourages the high stewardship ethic of family forest landowners to continue to grow and harvest trees in a responsible way, now and in the future. It will allow Lewis County family forest landowners on a voluntary basis to substitute FFHCP riparian buffers and upland harvest prescriptions for current state forest practices rules.

The Foundation will be holding an open house on October 6 2007 to roll out the proposed FFHCP along with some intergenerational planning tools. The open house will begin with coffee, etc at 8:30 AM at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis. Lunch will be provided. Bring your friends! RSVP Steve Stinson at 360-736-5918