

NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON FORESTRY FORUM



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Welcome to the second edition of the NCW Forestry Forum. This is YOUR newsletter, intended for NCW Chapter Members. However, anyone else is welcome and encouraged to read it! **Chapter members are encouraged to submit questions, comments, or articles for this publication.** If you can, please use email. In the first edition last January we asked members to submit articles for the next newsletter. We have not received any to date, so we will fill in with the following:

We have lost a wonderful friend to the forest, and to those who knew him well. Arnie Arneson, consulting forester in NCW since 1980 and a long-time chapter member, died March 21st from cancer. He has helped forest landowners with management plans and having commercial thinning done on many thousands of acres, contributing a great deal to lowering the risk of catastrophic wildfire, insects, and disease. He is sorely missed. His memorial will be held 1:30 pm, April 25th at the Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center, of which he was president, located at the north end of the town of Entiat.

The **Long Term Forest Practice Applications** program was presented by the DNR at Campbell's Resort on January 24th. This new program will allow family forest owners to apply for a Long Term Permit that is valid for 15 years. This new procedure is expected to ease the paperwork burden and allow more flexibility in timing harvests. However the process of filing a long-term permit will likely be more cumbersome than a standard 2-year permit. For more information contact:

Bart Ausland, DNR Forester, Ellensburg, WA (Ph: 509-925-2025).

The next big event is the **WFFA Annual Meeting April 24-26 at Mt. Vernon**, hosted by the Upper Puget Sound Chapter. John and Pat Malone will be attending. We sincerely hope other members can attend also.

May or June: Program: Family Forest Estate Planning (Location and date to be announced later). This will likely be a day meeting, to be followed-up with several weekly meetings for those wanting to go through the steps for completing an estate plan (with heirs recommended). The followup weekly meetings will be sponsored by WSU Extension and conducted by your local WSU Extension Forester, Andy Perleberg.

LOG MARKET REPORT: Log markets fluctuate and are now in the lowest cycle in about 20 years. Douglas-fir selling for \$575 in October is now selling for \$460 per MBF (Hampton Industries @ Darrington and Sierra Pacific Industries @ Mt. Vernon). Large Ponderosa pine (11"+) selling for \$500 in October is now selling for \$450 per MBF (Boise @ Kettle Falls). Small Ponderosa pine selling for \$370 in October is now selling for \$270 per MBF (Boise @ Kettle Falls). The advice from here: Wait for a better log market. Your logger will likely demand a larger percentage of the delivered log prices in the current market. He normally operates at a fixed cost per MBF or Ton.

CHAPTER ELECTION: The chapter constitution specifies the need for election of officers every two years. Enclosed is a ballot for President and Secretary-Treasurer. Please write in your candidates and return to Mike Salisbury (to the address or email above). We are not earmarking any candidates for this election. It is your call. See below for ballot

WSU Extension Forest Stewardship Shortcourse Benefits Landowners

Family forest landowners and natural resource professionals completed an 8-session Coached Forest Stewardship Planning Short-course in Leavenworth on March 31st. The course empowers landowners to plan and implement practices that meet their personal objectives. Family forest owner Rollie Schmitten commented during graduation that “It is rare that I attend a meeting or program that exceeds my expectations, and this class has definitely done that.” Participants included Pamala Amoss (representing the Copper Notch Association), Kelly Cordell-Stine (representing the Chelan PUD), Tom Davies, Jerry Duffy, Ross Frank, John Malone, Earl Marcellus, Rusty Marshal (representing Ray Fuller), Jesse Stone, Steve Walter, Chris Walter, Kyle Walter, Matt Stinehauer, and Annie Tiedemann.

As the snow retreats from the hills, landowners attending this class will receive a one-on-one personal site visit from DNR forester Todd Bates or wildlife biologist Jim Bottorff. Following their walk-in-the-woods experience, they will complete their Forest Stewardship Plans which will guide their management actions for the next 10 years, and make them eligible for reduced property taxes, forestland certification, and cost share assistance for implementing best practices.

Ross and Mary Ann Frank of Red Tail Canyon Farm also received a silver Tree Farm sign, in recognition of their twenty-five years of being certified tree farmers under the American Tree Farm System. ATFS is the nations largest forest certification program which promotes the growing of renewable forest resources on private lands while protecting environmental benefits and increasing public understanding of all benefits of productive forestry. To learn more about forest stewardship events, contact WSU extension forester Andy Perleberg at 667-6658 or andyp@wsu.edu.

WFFA Books

The chapter still has several copies of the WFFA book; *Stewards of the Land* a book about the History of WFFA and the members. These are available from John Malone for \$20 each, plus shipping.

To reduce costs and speed delivery the chapter uses electronic mail as much as possible. If you are receiving this by regular (snail) mail and have email, please let us know. Also please let us know if you have a preferred or change of email address.

Respectfully yours,

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NCW FFA Election Ballot

President _____

Write in candidate

Current President, John Malone

Sec.-Treas. _____

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Current Sec.-Treas Mike Salisbury

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