



SOUTH SOUND FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

High Technology Management Tools

WHEN: Wednesday, February 13, 2008. Pizza at 6:30 - Business meeting at 7 PM; Evening Program at 7:30 PM.

WHO: Kevin Zobrist from the WSU Snohomish and Skagit County Extension Office and the Rural Technology Institute will give us an overview of the latest and greatest Landscape Management System software. Michelle Blake, a fellow South Sound FFA member and GIS Data Administrator for the WA State Dept. of Transportation, will direct us to FREE and low cost GIS resources - including software & data.

WHAT: The Landscape Management System (LMS) is designed to assist in Landscape level analysis and planning of forest ecosystems by automating the tasks for stand projections, graphical and tabular summarization, stand visualization, and landscape visualization. This tool allows us to try "what if" scenarios to see how today's management decisions can affect a stands future condition.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) allow landowners to overlay various datasets - like property boundaries; aerial photos; soil site classes; stand boundaries; wetlands; unstable slopes; contours; hydrography; etc. - to help analyze and plan future management decisions based on the property's current characteristics.

Other food for thought on County GIS sites, Orthophoto resources, and Puget Sound LiDar Consortium data resources.

WHERE: DNR Forest Practices Board Room - Room 172 – NEW LOCATION!!
(Directions: From I-5 take exit #105A toward the State Capitol and City Center. Turn right (north) onto Capitol Way. Turn right onto 11th Ave SE, and then turn right onto Washington St SE, and finally, left into Visitor Parking for the WA Dept of Natural Resources (free after 6 PM).

Note: At last months meeting we elected the following officers: President: Jean Shaffer; 1st Vice President: Howard Wilson; 2nd Vice President: David Lindeblom; Secretary: Ken Miller; Treasurer: Bonnie Miller.

Future Tours and Meetings – Mark your Calendars

- **Feb 19: Lewis County – Centralia – Annual meeting and Banquet**
- **Mar 12: SSFFA Natural Selection EcoForestry**
- **April 9: SSFFA Critter Damage/Control Options**
- **April 25: WFFA Annual Meeting – Mount Vernon**
- **May 17: SSFFA Saturday Annual Miller Picnic/bird box/Plots & Cruising**
- **June 11: SSFFA Cut-to-Length Harvesting demo (sub. Availability)**
- **July 9: SSFFA Forest Tour – Fort Lewis Tree Farm**
- **Aug 13: SSFFA Forest Tour - John & Sue Yoachim Tree Farm**
- **Sept 10: SSFFA Small Custom Sawmill/Specialty woods tour**
- **Oct 8: SSFFA Financial Incentives/Cost Share Programs availability**

Pass this notice along with a warm invitation to other tree farmers & friends you think will benefit or enjoy what we are about.

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