



# **SOUTH SOUND FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION**

*Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association*

## **Dialogue on Forest Policy in Washington**

**(A forest owner presentation normally given to non forest groups)**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Jan 21st, 2009. Pizza @ 6:30PM; Business Meeting @ 7PM; Program @ 7:30PM.

**WHO:** Cindy Mitchell, Sr. Director, Strategic Communications representing the Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA), and your own Ken Miller representing the family forest owners have been doing a joint presentation to non-forestry groups that are generally interested in the non-economic benefits coming from Washington's forests.

**WHAT:** This joint presentation touches all the hot button public policy issues and challenges of tree farming and why we believe responsible forestry is the preferred land use. The intent of the presentation is to make ourselves available for open dialogue with the audience in hopes those with some heartburn about some forest practice will be encouraged to challenge/ask the hard questions so we can have an opportunity to address whatever the concern may be. As we all become more aware of our environmental responsibilities/contributions we are hoping you will share any concerns you have, so this won't simply be an exercise of "preaching to the choir". This would be an ideal meeting to bring/invite representatives of other organizations that have forest policy concerns.

**BUSINESS MEETING – Election officers. Nominations will be welcome from the floor in addition to those nominated by our "Board". Current nominations are: President: Howard Wilson; 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Boyd Wilson; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Tammie Perreault; Treasurer: Bonnie Miller; & Secretary: Ken Miller.**

**WHERE:** Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg 1, Room #152, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, WA (From I-5 take exit #104 {Highway 101}, exit S.R. 101 at "Cooper Point/Auto Mall", follow signs to Courthouse by turning right on Evergreen Park Drive, turn left on Lakeridge Dr., turn right into Court House Parking. Follow driveway to building #1 on the left side of the complex.)

### **Future Tours and Meetings – Mark your Calendars**

- **Feb 11:** Everything you wanted to know about Survey's.
- **March 11:** Wilson Tree Farm storm damage, salvage, and restoration.

- **April 8:** All about Fire(slash burning, liability, 1<sup>st</sup> responders, taxes, permitting, etc)
- **May 13<sup>th</sup>:** Tree farm tour – location to be advised
- **June 10<sup>th</sup>:** Mark & Beth Biser Tree Farm tour/picnic
- **July 8<sup>th</sup>:** Tree farm tour – location to be advised
- **Aug 12<sup>th</sup>:** Tree farm tour – location to be advised
- **Sept 9<sup>th</sup>:** Manufacturing tour – location to be advised
- **Oct 14<sup>th</sup>:** Back indoors – topic to be advised

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