



SOUTH SOUND FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

Ron Barker Tree Farm Picnic and Tour

When: Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Picnic @ 6 PM, and Tour at 7 PM.

What: Picnic: Ron Barker Tree Farm and SSFFA are hosting this old fashion picnic. We hope you bring a neighbor that owns or has an interest in family forestry. We'll probably have enough, but bring an extra lawn chair just in case.

Tour: Ron is a new but energetic "farmer" that has owned his 40 acre tree farm for just over 2 years. It is a beautiful piece of property with sweeping views of the Olympics and Mount Rainier. The timber was cut about 15 years ago, and there is reprod in varying densities coming back nicely. Ron attended the DNR Stewardship Planning Course and has had his tree farm certified by ATFS. He will show us what he's accomplished to date and his future plans utilizing both EQIP and WHIP programs. He'd also like to hear suggestions from the audience – a big part of the networking offered by WFFA membership.

We plan to have NRCS and DNR folks attending to help you with questions regarding their programs for family forest owners. We can't promise yet but Ron hope's to have a contractor at the farm with a slash-buster on his skid steer demonstrating the easy way to get rid of brush!

Where: **WEBB HILL ROAD, UNION, WA. (206-992-6500).** Directions from Olympia/Highway 101: Go past all 3 Shelton Exits and 3 miles past Sanderson Airport; Turn Right onto Brockdale Road for 1 mile to stop sign; Turn Left onto McReavy Road for less than a mile (past Roadrunner: Bald Eagle; Marisa) and turn LEFT onto WEBB HILL Road.(Forestry signs start here) Continue North on Webb Hill Road prox. 2 miles to orange gate & ½ mile driveway on Left.
Directions from Bremerton/Highway 3: Go south on Highway 3 from Agate Road; Turn Right on Mason Lake Road; Turn Left on McEwan Prairie Road and continue to the end/stop sign; Turn right on Brockdale Road and continue heading north as Brockdale changes to McReavy Road; Turn Left onto WEBB HILL ROAD and follow signs/directions above.

Future Meeting Schedules:

- **June 21-27th**: Natural Resource Youth Camp for kids 12-15 www.nryc.org
- **July 8th**: Tree farm tour - Volunteers? If no July flyer, consider it a holiday!
- **Aug 12th**: Tree farm tour – location to be advised
- **Sept 9th**: Manufacturing tour – location to be advised
- **Oct 14th**: 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.