



SOUTH SOUND FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

AFTER THE STORM – WHAT TO DO??

The Wilson Tree Farm storm damage, salvage, & restoration

WHEN: Wednesday, March 11th, 2009. Pizza @ 6:30; Business Meeting/”Show and Tell”? @ 7PM; and Howards presentation @ 7:30PM.

WHO: Howard Wilson grew up as a city kid but loved the woods and bought this 30 acre parcel in 1973 prior to military service and has since acquired 3 more parcels. The skills learned dealing with the Army bureaucracy served him well as he went through the Alternate Plan process with his very first harvest.

WHAT: The Dec 2007 storm uprooted a significant portion of this Grays Harbor parcel on the Wynoochee River. He lost 120 Cottonwood and Alder trees in the Channel Migration Zone (CMZ). He also lost 400 mature Hemlock trees on the plateau above the river – still in the Riparian Management Zone (RMZ).

The slide presentation will cover the storm damage; the Alternate Harvest Plan developed with the exceptional help of DNR’s Rich Wood to enable harvesting all downed timber; the logging operation; burning slash; and most importantly, reforestation. The presentation will provide some lessons learned with storm damage and Alternate Plans as well as some of the financial help that was available from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

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

- **Mar 10th:** Start of Forest Stewardship Classes in Olympia– details ask Ken/Mike/Jim
- **April 8th:** All about Fire(slash burning, liability, 1st responders, taxes, permitting, etc)
- **May 13th:** Tree farm tour – location to be advised
- **May 29th:** Annual WFFA meeting in Ellensburg
- **June 10th:** Mark & Beth Biser Tree Farm tour/picnic
- **June 21-27th:** Natural Resource Youth Camp for kids 12-15 www.nryc.org

- **July 8th**: Tom & Charlene Wynne Tree farm tour & Conservation Easement example
- **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.