



SOUTH SOUND FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

Help for Family Forest Owners

When: Wednesday, March 10th, 2010. Pizza at 6:30 PM; Business meeting at 7PM; Program starts at 7:30 PM

Who: Mary McDonald, Manager of the DNR Small Landowner Office; Monica Hoover from the Olympia office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and Theresa Marquardt from the Grays Harbor Conservation District.

What: DNR's Small Land Owner's Office has been cut like all State Agencies but Mary will remind us of the services that are still available and what her hopes are for the future. NRCS is where the action is at in the way of Federal cost share programs – Monica will review the current programs and what they see coming as Forestry becomes a bigger part of their menu of services. Therese is just getting her feet on the ground with the Grays Harbor Conservation District (& helping Ken update his Oakville Stewardship Plan) as the Conservation Districts look to enhancing their work with family forest owners.

Bring your forestland neighbor and your questions for each of these folks looking to find ways to help you and your forestland.

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 Meeting Schedules (tentative):

- April 14: Potential Work Party for Annual Meeting preparation.
- April 25-27: Annual Meeting of WFFA @ Hama Hama & Alderbrook
- May 12th: Manke's Harstine Island Tree Farm Tour
- June 9th: Boyd Wilson's Tree Farm Tour (N. Lewis County)
- July 14th: Wild Thyme Tree Farm – value added & carbon sequestration
- Aug 11th: T.B.A. Tree Farm Tour if one of you would like to show off your farm?
- Sept 8th: Commencement Bay Mill Company (log yard and mill tour)
- Oct 13th: DNR's Natural Area's Program
- Nov 10th: Planning meeting for 2011

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