



SOUTH SOUND FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

Panhandle Lake 4-H Association Tree Farm Tour

When: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:00 PM at Matlock-Shelton Park-N-Ride.

What: This 440-acre forest has been under a sustainable intensive forest management program since 1955, much of that time by our own Chuck Chambers who will be guiding this tree farm tour.

100 acres are in lake water, RMZ's, wetlands, and forested wetlands. The tour will showcase stands of young plantation, immature, and mature forest stands covering most age classes from 5 to 85 years. The stands that are 85 years old have been commercially thinned for over 40 years. The younger stands have been commercially or pre-commercially thinned. Over 10 million board feet (over 3,000 truckloads) of timber have been harvested allowing this working forest to support the cash flow needs of a 24 acre lakeside 4-H camp.

As personal aside for those that care, Ken and Bonnie were early sweethearts at this 4-H camp in the mid 50's – times we fondly remember, clearer than whatever happened last week. ☺

Where: About 10 miles west of Shelton a little ways off the Shelton-Matlock road. We will be carpooling through some locked gates so we will be assembling at the "Park & Ride" adjacent to Highway 101 @ 6 P.M. Take Highway 101 towards Shelton, exit on the 2nd {or middle} Shelton "City Center/Matlock" exit. Find the adjacent Park & Ride lot on the west side of 101 from which we will have short business meeting in the parking lot and depart at 6:15 PM.

Future Meeting Schedules:

- **May 29th:** Annual WFFA meeting in Ellensburg
- **June 10th:** Mark & Beth Biser (or nearby substitute) 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.