



**SOUTH SOUND
FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION**
Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

**Simpson Timber Company's
Commencement Bay Sawmill
RSVP REQUIRED**

When: Wednesday, September 8, 2010 – 9:30 AM. **NOTE THIS SPECIAL TIME!**

What: A “Cadillac” Sawmill as reported in trade journals. The tour will cover the mill itself, the log yard and water takeout areas. While in the log yard, they will discuss the log qualities that Simpson is looking for when purchasing logs for this mill. Additionally they will discuss SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) and what it means to log procurement. This is the largest single line production sawmill in existence, producing 2x4 through 2x12 dimension in lengths up to 24'. Everything is scanned and computers “optimize” the highest valued cuts to make – “curved sawing” equipment allows the saws to follow the sweep of a log and still make straight lumber! This 180,000 sq ft sawmill on a 73 acre site was reported to have cost somewhere between \$50-\$70million and represents the conviction Simpson Timber Company has to the future of forest products in our region.

Who: Eric Haller Procurement Supervisor, Olympic Region will coordinate our tour with the help of other mill personnel, including the Sawmill Superintendent Jim Barnett.

Where: On Commencement Bay in Tacoma, adjacent to the Simpson paper mill. From I-5 take the Portland Ave exit #134 towards the waterfront. Follow Portland Ave until nearly at the paper mill where you will turn left on 11th Street. Go a couple hundred yards and turn right into the mill entrance (917 East 11th Street) where you can park in the Visitor parking lot. Carpool option from Olympia leaves the Park-N-Ride lot at I-5 exit #109 (Martin Way) @ 8:45 Sharp!

Special Note: Attendance is limited and you need to RSVP to Howard Wilson (wilsonhs@aol.com or 253-579-2489) by Monday September 6, 2010. Simpson will provide required safety gear for all that need it but you can help by bringing your own hard hat, safety glasses, and hearing protection. Dress appropriately for walking on catwalks & if you are able to bring safety gear, please let Howard know so we can let Simpson timber know about how much they will need to supply.

Future Meetings:

- Oct 13th: DNR's Natural Area's Program & Election of 2011 Officers
- Nov 10th: Planning meeting for 2011-Time to share your meeting ideas for 2011!!

We have Officer Candidates for all our offices so it's ok to attend the October meeting without fear of getting elected ☺ – although we will welcome other candidates for whatever you might volunteer for. We are also looking for feedback on whether another meeting date would be better for you than the 2nd Wednesday of each month?

Pass this notice along with a warm invitation to tree farmers & friends you think will benefit/enjoy what we are about. **Remember the special membership rates of \$45 for new 1st time members, & the rebate of \$25 if they are South Sound members.**