



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

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September Tour – DAYTIME!

PACIFIC VENEER MILL

When: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. **NOTE:** This tour is during the mill's regular work hours. Also, the tour is limited to 20 people, so **please follow information below for getting your name on the list.**

What: Pacific Veneer, a softwood veneer peeler in Aberdeen, WA.

Pacific Veneer manufactures veneer and wood chips. They use a wide variety of species including Douglas-fir, Hemlock, Spruce, Pine, and Cottonwood.

Pat Tagman is the manager and has indicated that they are not presently running veneer full-time due to poor markets.

A little history: In January 2009, Pacific Veneer was closed and offered for sale by Weyerhaeuser because of the contracting U.S. housing market significantly reducing the demand for wood products. The mill was subsequently purchased and is now (for over a year) operated by Willis Enterprises, a whole log chipping company who buys pulp logs for chipping in Hoquiam, Oakville, Belfair, and Everett.

Where: Directions:

Driving into Aberdeen from Montesano on Hwy 12, cross the first bridge (Wishkah River), and move to the left lane, watching for signs, in very a few blocks, **Hwy101 South to Raymond, NOT 101 to Westport!**

Cross the Chehalis River Bridge, bearing left toward Raymond as you drive off the bridge. Travel approximately 0.8 mile watching on the left for Marion St. Turn left on Marion St. and then right onto Decatur. The office is a modular building at the end of Decatur. There is plenty of parking.

Clothing and safety gear:

Please wear appropriate clothing for a woods tour as safety issues abound in a mill.

- . Closed-toe shoes or boots,
- . Long pants.
- . Shirts that are not so loose that they may catch on anything.
- . If you have a hard hat and safety vest, please bring them along.

We appreciate our hosts' time and effort to put on this tour, so please be on time and prepare for an interesting and educational experience.

Car Pool: Meet at Mud Bay Park n Ride at 11:40 a.m., ready for departure promptly at 11:45 a.m. Estimated travel time is 1 hour to 1 hour 10 minutes.

SIGN UP: Pacific Veneer is limiting this tour to 20 people. If you wish to attend, notify Mike Gaffney at (360) 459-2469, or by email gaffneyforestry@gmail.com. The deadline for sign-up is 9 p.m. September 9, 2011. If more than 20 people sign up you will be placed on the waiting list in case of cancellations, so leave your phone number for call-back if there is an opening. If you do have to cancel, please do it early. We want to take full advantage of what is offered.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The WFFA membership drive continues. Do your part by looking for new members. The WFFA Membership Special for 1st time new members is \$45 for 1 year. Over the next year, for each new WFFA member you recruit who selects SSFFA as a primary chapter, SSFFA will rebate \$25 to the person who pays the dues. That means you can buy a \$45 membership for someone and receive a \$25 rebate from SSFFA, or the new member can pay \$45 and receive the \$25 rebate from SSFFA. That makes their initial year of membership only \$20 – a nice incentive!

We are still looking for a chapter membership person. If you would like to contribute to our chapter in this way call Boyd Wilson, Chapter Pres. At (360) 438-1166 or boydwilson@earthlink.net

Future Meetings and Tours – Mark your Calendars

Tentatively Scheduled:

- Oct. 12 -- "Biomass as a Renewable Energy Source"
- Nov. 9 – Program planning for 2012
- Dec. – No meeting