

Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association



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To: Whatcom County Farm Forestry Members
Subject: Tree Farm Tours

The next event for the Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association will be an afternoon visit to Arnold and Eileen Theisen tree farm near Kendall. The tour will be held on Wednesday June 23 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

The Theisen's have 86 acres of timberland near where Arnie grew up. Over the years the family has logged timber and raised cattle. In 1998 they sold the cows and planted 26 acres of pasture to Douglas fir and Red Cedar. Two years later they planted the last 3 acres of pasture to Red Cedar. This tour will discuss how the Theisen's went about converting pasture to trees and the reasons. Seeing how the 10 and 12 year old trees are doing will give everyone good ideas for their next planting. Arnie also has a under stocked mature hardwood stand that could be harvested and will be a good place to discuss management options. This will be a great opportunity to see what the Theisen's have done and give you more ideas for your next tree farm project. This tour is open to all who have interest in growing trees.

There are several ways to get to the Theisen's farm. From the Bellingham area take the Mt. Baker Highway past Deming to Kendall. Kendall is the junction with highway 547 to Sumas. Turn left off the Mt. Baker Highway and quickly left again on the Sumas – Kendall Road (547). Go approximately 3.3 miles to the intersection with the South Pass Road. Turn left and go .7 miles west on the South Pass and watch for a small gravel road on the left. The driveway is at the end of his 12 year old trees and marked with a certified tree farm sign and ribbons. Parking will be about 300 feet up the driveway. If you are coming from the Everson area head East on the South Pass Road and the farm is 6.7 miles from the Great Western Lumber sawmill. If you have any questions you can call Eileen and Arnie at 988-8682.

Be prepared for the day's weather conditions and short walk. We hope to see you at the Theisen's and bring a friend.
