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## Message From the President



In an effort to let you quickly know me better I'm outlining some of my personal views regarding forest issues below. I encourage your feedback so I might have the chance to learn from your experiences:

#### General

- Growing trees/timber is the best possible land use for clean air, clean water, & more abundant critters. We should be proud of growing (& harvesting) trees and we should tout the public good we do to everyone with whom we come in contact.

- I believe the pendulum of public opinion may be starting to swing towards the obvious; keeping forestland in forestry is the best thing that can be done for people and the environment. Regulators are also starting to see the big picture, realizing the unintended consequences of excessive regulations – whether they can actually find ways to reduce the burden is yet to be determined.

- It's crazy that we have to spend so much of our energy educating the public & regulators about our benefits and the pitfalls of their well-intended but misguided efforts to “help” us save our forests but that's a burden we must carry to avoid ever more restrictive regulations. It's imperative that WFFA stay at as many of the regulatory tables as possible despite the cost in money and energy.

#### Forests and Fish

While Forests and Fish has proven far more painful than we anticipated, it is the law and we need to look forward, not back. The jury is still out on Forests and Fish. I'm still optimistic we will work our way through the problems as more folks see the big picture. It is unfair and ultimately counter productive for government to take our private property without just compensation or living up to their commitments -- another reason why we have to remain persistent and even annoying at times to be heard.

I'll share more of my views in the months ahead. In the meantime if you would like to share your comments, opinions and ideas with me, please feel free to e-mail me at: [kenmiller@olywa.net](mailto:kenmiller@olywa.net)

**Thank you for the opportunity to serve such a fine group of down-to-earth folks who love their forests as much as I love mine.**

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# Getting to Know . . .

## **The Small Forest Landowner Office in the Department of Natural Resources**

serves as a resource and focal point for small forest landowner concerns and policies. With a mission to promote the economic and ecological viability of small forest landowners, the office will seek to develop policies that conserve Washington's privately owned non-industrial forests. The office will strive to equip landowners with all the necessary tools and information they need to keep their land in forestry use.

**From the DNR Web Site here are the biographies of the staff of the SFLO Office.**

### **Mary McDonald - SFLO Program Director**

Mary McDonald graduated from the University of Montana in Forestry. She has been working with DNR for 12 years with experience in forest practices, stewardship and timber sale layout and administration. Prior to working in the Northwest, Mary worked in the urban forestry program for four years.

### **Kirk Hanson - SFLO Program Specialist**

Kirk Hanson is a small forest landowner with a 40-acre tree farm in Grays Harbor County where he manages a regenerating forest and is experimenting with high-value agroforestry crops. Kirk has worked for the Small Forest Landowner Office since 2000 as the public relations specialist for the office and more recently as the program manager for the Family Forest Fish Passage Program. Prior to working for DNR, Kirk was involved in a variety of projects including: managed riparian buffers for farmlands, agroforestry plantations for farms and forests, fruit and nut

orchards and non-timber forest products. In his spare time Kirk works with several non-profit organizations developing market-based strategies for improving the economic viability of family forests. Kirk graduated from the Evergreen State College in 1995 with a degree in sustainable resource management and currently lives in Olympia with his wife and cat.

### **Dan Pomerenk - SFLO Program Specialist**

Dan Pomerenk is a forester that has been with the Department of Natural Resources for the past 13 years working in a variety of programs. He has worked on State lands in programs such as timber sales, road design, recreation, and silviculture. He has also worked in the Forest Practices and Fire programs. Dan graduated from Centralia College with a Forest Technology degree in 1986 and just recently went back to school to complete a Bachelor of Science degree from Evergreen State College.

### **Larry Dominguez - Natural Resource Scientist**

Larry is the SFLO Aquatic Riparian Ecologist and has spent the majority of his career involved with watershed assessment, restoration, monitoring, studies on fish life history, effects of logging, forest landscape planning and watershed analysis. He was a regional biologist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, a research assistant at the University of Washington's Center for Streamside Studies and has taught aquaculture in West Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer. He graduated from The Evergreen State College in 1987 with a degree in Environmental Studies. He is near completion of his graduate degree from Evergreen where he is applying a complex salmon life history and productivity model to a coastal Washington watershed. This work will contribute to his past efforts at DNR where he served as the fish biologist in the State Lands Habitat Conservation Plan program.

## **Fire Precaution Levels**

The DNR, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Affairs all use the same four-level industrial regulation system. This system, which helps prevent wildfires by regulating work in the woods, is known as the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) system.

Below are the levels and what they mean:

- **Level I: Closed Fire Season:** Fire equipment and fire watch service is required.
- **Level II: Partial Hoot owl:** Limits certain activities between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Level III: Partial Shutdown:** Prohibits some activities altogether and limits other activities between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Level IV: General Shutdown:** All operations prohibited.

**To report a forest fire to the Department of Natural Resources call 1-800-562-6010**



## Legacy Project Update June, 2004

In 2002 the Washington Farm Forestry Association set out to document and record the history of this association and the legacy of its members.

**Cheryle Easter** was hired as the project director and she has traveled the state conducting over 60 interviews and collecting data.

The primary goal is to create a book that will preserve the history of the beginnings of the WFFA and the people that helped establish it. The story of these individuals and the lives they lead are varied and interesting with a common passion for growing trees. Each member contributing in a different way creating an association with diversity that is able to enrich the minds of the general public and share their wisdom and knowledge from years of bonding with the land.

Cheryle will finish the book by spring of 2005 and have it ready to go to a print in a high quality coffee table format. The Family Forest Foundation has just donated \$1000 helping us get closer to our goal of paying for this book *without* membership dollars. We are still \$5000 short of our goal. If you or anyone you know would like to contribute to the book, send your check made payable to: WFFA – Legacy Project, P.O. Box 7663, Olympia WA 98507.

## Awarding Dedication Tree Farmers of the Year 1976-2003

Former WFFA President and Executive Director **Nels Hanson** compiled this list of state Tree Farmers of the Year..

- 1976 – JACK SCHUMACHER, Heisson
  - 1977 – IVAN TOWNSEND, Seattle
  - 1978 – CHAS. CHAMBERS, Shelton
  - 1979 – ALBERT DEISHL, Spokane\*\*\*
  - 1980 – LEE RILEY, North Bend
  - 1981 – AUSTIN HENRY, Spokane
  - 1982 – MICHAEL ACHEN, Battle Ground
  - 1983 – SKIP MEACHEM, Mead
  - 1984 – CHARLES STILLMAN, Tacoma
  - 1985 – NELS HANSON, Olympia
  - 1986 – CARL LUNDBERG, Colville
  - 1987 – no sponsor: WFFA started in 1988
  - 1988 – GEORGE NELSON, Aberdeen\*\*
  - 1989 – GEORGE WOODS, Dayton
  - 1990 – JOHN RANKIN, Mossyrock
  - 1991 – MARK ANDREWS, Kelso
  - 1992 – DUANE WESTON, Arlington
  - 1993 – DOUGLAS STINSON, Toledo\*\*
  - 1994 – switched from fall to spring award
  - 1995 – EVERETT USKOSKI, Brush Prairie
  - 1996 – RICHARD BATTIN, Federal Way
  - 1997 – BOB TAKAI, Newman Lake
  - 1998 - REG LESTER, Morton
  - 1999 - JAMES NOWOGROSKI, Tacoma
  - 2000 - WALTER WHEATON, Salem, OR\*\*
  - 2001 - RON MUNRO, Woodinville
  - 2002 - BOB FALKNER, Olympia\*\*\*
  - 2003 – JAKE STRAUSS, Ferndale
- \*\* Also won Western Regional Title  
\*\*\* Also won the National Title

## Water Typing: Important Notice to All Landowners,

On July 1, 2004, the Department of Natural Resource will be ready to release the new Water Typing-End Of Fish Habitat (EOFH) points on your tree farm. Maps have been developed through a modeling process that predicts where fish and non-fish habitats are located. This will eventually replace the interim rule. During the period between July 1, 2004 and February 1, 2005, the maps will be used **for preview only** and not as a regulatory tool. This is your opportunity to receive a modeled map and see how well it is performing on your ownership. You are encouraged to use the enclosed form or go to [www.dnr.wa.gov/forestpractices/watertyping](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/forestpractices/watertyping). You may not receive the map right on the spot as the regions may need some time to produce a hard copy from their GIS. WFFA has been involved in this process and it is important to know the impact it will have on Small Forest Land ownership. Please contact Sherry Fox by email or phone to answer these questions 1.) Do you agree with where the point was located? 2.) Is it, in your opinion, fish habitat? 3.) Did it show any natural fish barriers? This information will be very important as we move toward a new rule for determining fish habitat/non-fish habitat. For further information contact Sherry at [tmp@myhome.net](mailto:tmp@myhome.net) or 360-978-4305.

## Improvement in the Bear Depredation Permit Process

The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife is starting a new procedure to streamline the permitting process via email to help minimize the time and effort (for everyone), while minimizing the delays for landowners experiencing significant bear damage. The same forms are now available electronically by contacting Sean O'Carrell in Olympia.

Sean and/or someone else will always be available during working hours to respond to your requests so the turnaround time is expected to be greatly reduced, plus you won't have to drive to a regional office or wait for the mail. To make the electronic system work optimally, digital pictures and the GPS coordinates should accompany the application to expedite the process. Renewal requests can be taken earlier so they can be effective at the expiration of the original permits if you still have valid tags. WDFW does recognize and appreciate the sense of urgency we all have when our crops are being destroyed by those bears that have found our trees to be a substitute source of food while they are waiting for the berries to ripen. Over time WDFW will be looking at additional ways to improve the process and procedures, within the bounds of the law.

Sean's contact information is:  
Sean O'Carrell  
[carresoc@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:carresoc@dfw.wa.gov)

His phone is 360-902-2926 and fax is 360-902-2942.

When Sean is out, his email regarding depredation permits will be go to Anna Schmidt (902-2379) who will have the authority to handle your request.

## New Computer Tools for Small Landowners

The Rural Technology Initiative (RTI) is a cooperative between the University of Washington College of Forest Resources and Washington State University Cooperative Extension whose mission is to get better forest management technology in rural areas. Part of this mission involves developing computer software tools to help landowners address complex forest management issues. One of RTI's best-known products is the Landscape Management System (LMS), which is a free software package that integrates forest growth, visualization, and spatial models in a user-friendly environment and provides a suite of useful outputs. Many WFFA members have participated in LMS training courses throughout the state.

RTI has recently released two companion programs to LMS that are particularly useful for family forest owners. The first program is the LMS Inventory Wizard. A number of LMS users have found it very difficult to import their forest data into LMS. The Inventory Wizard has been designed to greatly simplify this process. Stand and tree data can now be entered through a series of intuitive forms that guide users through each step and automatically generate LMS data files. The inventory wizard helps users understand exactly what types of data are needed to get good results with LMS, and it even includes data collection forms that can be printed out and used in the field.

The other program is an economic analysis tool called Economatic. Economatic automatically computes and charts a variety of different economic values, such as discounted cash flow and bare land value, directly from LMS management simulations. These values are summarized by stand as well as for the entire forest. Costs,

prices, and other parameters can be completely customized for advanced users, or default values can be used for simple estimates of forestry investment performance.

Both the Inventory Wizard and Economatic are available for free download from <http://lms.cfr.washington.edu/lmsdownload.php>. Economatic is included as part of the LMS program itself, while the Inventory Wizard is available as a separate download. Free CD-ROMs are also available upon request. For more information or to contact RTI, please visit [www.ruraltech.org](http://www.ruraltech.org), send email to [rti@u.washington.edu](mailto:rti@u.washington.edu), or call 206-543-0827.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Small Forest Land Owner (SFLO) Advisory Committee was established during the Forest and Fish Legislation to enable tree farmers to voice their concerns and help develop DNR rules that pertain to small forest land owners of our State.

The eight person committee consists of: one representative from Department of Natural Resources, Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Tribal member, and four members of the Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA). The WFFA members should have addressed the Forest Practice Rules on their farms, be able to work in a committee format and contribute to our regional representation.

Maurice Williamson (NE Chapter) is the current chairman and the other three WFFA positions are filled by Dennis Dart (UPS Chapter), Jim Murphy (Lewis Chapter) and Bob Brink (Clark Chapter). Jim and Bob's four year terms expire this year. The WFFA is currently seeking members willing to serve our association by applying for these Commissioner of Public Lands-

appointed positions. You must be willing to meet at least once a month in Olympia and take the time necessary to read and study the issues.

We give our sincere thanks to all members of that committee for their valuable contributions to our association. If you would like more information about these positions, contact Rick Dunning at 360.606.5511 or at [rdunning@starband.net](mailto:rdunning@starband.net).

## Chapter Happenings

**Bill and Erin Woods** of the Upper Puget Sound Chapter (where Bill is President) recently had the opportunity to “educate” fourth- and fifth-grade children from Bellevue schools at Bellevue’s Forestry Field Day, held in Mercer Slough Nature Park May 18-21. They took for their display various wood products, their pruning ascender, their hand arch, an assortment of tree foliage, and pictures of woodland wildlife. Bill and Erin were astounded by the lack of knowledge of trees and wildlife exhibited by these “city kids.” The two things that really shook the kids up were that TOILET PAPER came from trees, and that the empty ice cream box, as well as the “artificial flavoring” and filler used in the ice cream came from trees!

It seems that we desperately need to educate their parents and educators. Bill and Erin were at the field day only one day of a three-day event, and it was apparent that theirs was the only presentation that had much to do with forestry! Says Bill, “All of us need to get more involved with public education projects such as this in order to get our services appreciated and our needs recognized.”

**The Lynette and Bob Falkner Family,  
The National Tree Farmers of the Year, invite you to attend . . .**

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST FAMILY FOREST FIELD DAY!**

**Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004**

(Gates open 8AM. Program: 9AM-4:30PM)

### **Custer Creek Tree Farm**

I-5 Exit 77 (Chehalis, WA) then 32 miles west on Hwy. 6 (towards Raymond/South Bend and ocean beaches). Watch for large yellow “Forest Field Day” signs to guide you.

**FREE Admission....FREE Admission....FREE Admission!!**

Open to the Public — Bring The Whole Family!

Hourly “out in the woods” educational demonstrations for family forest owners!

Fun and educational activities for the general public - including “hands on” kids activities!

FREE giveaways for the kids!

Meet Commissioner of Public Lands, Doug Sutherland!

### **Kids - Get your picture taken with Smokey Bear!**

Live demonstrations!

Live music!

Guided tours of the nation’s best Tree Farm!

Coffee, refreshments, and hot lunch available for purchase on site!

On the way to ocean beaches for a great weekend getaway — without the “summer crowds”! (Hey, you “east of the Cascades” folks - when was the last time you got away to the beach? Well, come on over!).

For event brochure: 1-888-783-9548 (toll free, anytime 24/7)

Event website:

[www.familyforestfieldday.com](http://www.familyforestfieldday.com)

Want to be a vendor/exhibitor/  
demonstrator?

Contact:

[tomfox@familyforestfoundation.org](mailto:tomfox@familyforestfoundation.org)

The Falkner Family invites you to the Family Forest Field Day at their National Tree Farm of the Year.



## Family Forest Fish Passage Program

The first funding cycle for the Family Forest Fish Passage Program closed on January 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. 52 landowners submitted applications for over 100 potential fish barriers. Of these projects, 92 met the eligibility criteria and are being considered for future funding. WDFW is in the process of prioritizing the list of projects by watershed and will confer with local organizations before making its final recommendation to DNR in the beginning of April. At this point 32 projects have been determined to be of high priority and will be funded this summer. The priority status for an additional four projects has yet to be determined and the remaining projects are of lower priority and will be reconsidered in subsequent years. It should be noted that these priorities are still preliminary and may change depending on input from local organizations. The total estimated cost for the high priority projects is approximately \$960,000.

The following chart shows the projects submitted by county:

County	# of projects	High	Lower	TBD
Whatcom	9	3	5	1
San Juan	1		1	
Skagit	1		1	
Thurston	6	1	5	
Mason	9	8	1	
Kitsap	4	1	2	1
Clallam	2	1	1	
Grays Harbor	9	8	1	
Lewis	15	4	11	
Pacific	4		4	
Wahkiakum	1			1
Cowlitz	7	1	5	1
Clark	1		1	
Columbia	1		1	
Okanogan	1		1	
Ferry	1	1		
Pend Oreille	7	3	4	
Spokane	2		2	
Stevens	11	1	10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4</b>

The program is currently accepting applications for the second round of funding. The deadline for the second round is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Applications received by this date will be prioritized and considered for funding in the summer of 2005.

The DNR, WDFW and IAC continue to partner on this program and encourage landowners who have potential fish barriers to apply. For additional information, please contact Kirk Hanson at the Small Forest Landowner Office: 360-902-1391, [kirk.hanson@wadnr.gov](mailto:kirk.hanson@wadnr.gov). Information on the program is also available on the web at: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sflo/fffpp/>

## Keeping You Up to Date

The Washington Farm Forestry Association now has three methods to communicate with our membership:

Our **e-Update** is sent to members who request it on the odd numbered months of the year. To sign up for or cancel the *Update* contact Donna Loucks at [loucksd@localaccess.com](mailto:loucksd@localaccess.com).

Our printed **Landowner News** will continue to be mailed to our membership on every even numbered month of the year. Those wishing to help save the WFFA the mailing cost of the *Landowner News* and receive it electronically can send their email addresses to Martin Flynn at [martinflynn@qwest.net](mailto:martinflynn@qwest.net).

WFFA also offers its members communications via our **list server**. This is a tool used to send timely information on events and articles of interest to our association. It is available to our association and others outside of our association. To sign up for or cancel subscription to this list server contact Bill Woods at [wwwbike@halcyon.com](mailto:wwwbike@halcyon.com).

## Magazine Contributors Wanted

Northwest Woodlands Magazine is looking for "Tree-fellows" interested in picking up the pen. The magazine is seeking authors for articles on "The Art, Humor and Zen of Growing Trees". Examples include the Zen of chainsawing, tree planting, sawmills, big trees, woodpeckers, plantations or rainy days ... myths, legends and tall tales of the woods, leprechauns, Paul Bunyan, Yeti, etc. Poetry in trees humor, or jokes .

The deadline for publication is November 15, 2004, but don't wait for a rainy day to pen your masterpiece. Editor, Lori Rasor, reserves the right to edit, downsize, or refuse. She can be reached at: Lori Rasor, Editor Northwest Woodlands, 4033 SW Canyon Rd. Portland, Or 97221, (503) 228-1367 or [rasor@safnwo.org](mailto:rasor@safnwo.org).

# WFFA Family Chosen State Tree Farmers of the Year

## Five Other Tree Farms Also Recognized

Tom and Sherry Fox, stewards of a 144 acre tree farm in Lewis County, were chosen as Washington's "Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year" at the annual meeting of the WFFA April 30 in Chelan.

The Tree Farmer of the Year award winner is chosen from among certified tree farms by The American Tree Farm System (ATFS), a program of the American Forest Foundation.

"This is a tremendous honor not only for us but for all tree farmers in Washington State who are working as we are to manage forestlands for future generations," said Tom Fox who with his wife Sherry own and manage the Tagshinny Tree Farm near the town of Ethel.

Certified Tree Farmers own at least 10 acres of forestland and actively follow a forest management plan developed in partnership with an ATFS volunteer forester. The plan addresses forest sustainability, wildlife habitat, and water and soil conservation.

Sherry Fox who was appointed by Governor Locke to the state Forest Practices Board says the Outstanding Tree Farmer designation they received "is really recognition of all the hard working family forest owners across the state of Washington who are protecting one of our state's most valuable resources."

Tom Fox who is also president of the Family Forest Foundation and president of Tree Management Plus a full service forestry consulting firm says, "Our tree farm provides wildlife habitat, recreation, aesthetics, and clean air and clean water for everyone to enjoy. Tree farmers all over the state are providing those same benefits to their neighbors as well."

In granting the award to the Fox family and Tagshinny Tree Farm, the Tree Farm System noted that Tom and Sherry are "devoted and committed to restoring the land to productive, sustainably managed forestland with a diversity of upland and wetland habitat for wildlife." The award also noted that Tagshinny Tree Farm was about to be awarded a Habitat Conservation Plan agreement by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service that is the first of its kind for small forest landowners and will pave the way for others to follow.

Sherry Fox who is also past president of the Lewis County Farm Forestry and Washington Farm Forestry Associations and now is policy coordinator for the state association says recognition of their farm "highlights just how important it is to keep small forest lands in timber. We need to have working forests and not let them be replaced with acres of concrete and asphalt. We need to keep working for forestry regulations that recognize the unique contribution of small forest landowners and help them sustain their forests."

Tom Fox gave credit to the other five tree farms that were finalists for the Tree Farmer of the Year recognition. "All of the other finalists are outstanding tree farmers whom we greatly admire," said Tom.

The other finalists were the Revesz family (Peter and Jane) of **Clark County** who manage 340 acres. The Revesz family sponsors community tours, supports teacher education and has been active in the local and state Farm Forestry associations.

The Kusak family (Neva and son Anton) who manage a 60 acre farm in **King County** recognized for their long-term dedication to growing a sustainable forest crop.

The Magnuson family (Sheldon and Tammy) who manage a 190 acre tree farm on the border of **Spokane and Pend Oreille** counties who were recognized for promoting the objectives of tree farming to their clients and the general public.

The Hovde family (Jack and Lenora) who manage a 40 acre farm in **Whatcom County** and continue to actively manage their tree farm even though new forest regulations have rendered much of their ownership off limits to harvest.

The Storm King Ranch in **Ferry County**, managed by John and Pat Malone and Allen and Ellen Zulauf, who were recognized for their long-term efforts in excellent forestry.

The American Tree Farm System award is presented in cooperation with the Washington Forest Protection Association headquartered in Olympia. The ATFS has a nationwide membership of nearly 62,000 landowners who collectively own 77 million acres.



**The Fox Family**

## Welcome New Members

Membership Chair **Donna Loucks** (loucksd@localaccess.com) reports the following new members. Best wishes that joining WFFA makes your tree farm and enjoyable part of your life.

Cory Aske - Clark  
 Richard Beatty - Clark  
 Steve Brown - Clark  
 George Childs - Clark  
 Ralph Crandall - Clark  
 Troy & Lorri Dunn - Clark  
 Ron Edwards - Clark  
 Clint & Veda Hammon - Clark  
 Sandy & Jim Hoeflein - Clark  
 David Hooper - Clark  
 Stephanie Huntington - Clark  
 Kathy Kysar & Tom Bea - Clark  
 Allen Leake - Clark  
 Cynthia & Marc Medlin - Clark  
 Mike & Brenda Olsen - Clark  
 John Paladeni- Clark  
 Brian Paulsen - Clark  
 Tom Polmatier & Victoria Bray - Clark  
 Scott & Karen Sauer- Clark  
 Joy & Butch Schwindt - Clark  
 Karen Williams - Clark  
 Kekoa & Grace Gabriel - Kittitas  
 Lloyd & Rik Gabriel - Kittitas  
 Bob & Peggy Haynie - Kittitas  
 Dale H. & Alisa Scott - Kittitas  
 Richard & Linda Shepherd - Lewis  
 David & Gloria Geary - NE  
 Janet Leonard – N. Central  
 Albert Roberts & Carey Hunter – N. Central  
 Kirk & Rose A. Farnsworth - Olympic  
 John & Robin Burk - Pierce  
 Jason & Tawny Burns - Pierce  
 Gregory Moody- Pierce  
 Duane & Malisa Shuster - Pierce  
 Dave Pearsall – South Sound  
 Robert H. Dillon - Spokane

## From the Executive Director's Desk



Our Annual meeting at the end of April was a celebration of those who volunteer their time to keep the Washington Farm Forestry

Association alive and well. From our Officers, our Chapter Presidents, our Advisors and Chairs to our many volunteers at the chapter level we are an association built on the belief in service to others. This serving atmosphere is a key principle of a successful, not-for-profit association. The WFFA will continue to focus on providing education for and protection of our tree farm 'family.'

Having just finished my first year as Executive Director, I would like to thank our past President, **Bob Playfair** for all of his efforts and patience over the last year. Bob fit the description of a volunteer President well, for all of the time and dedication he gave us. I am proud to have been part of the leadership that helped achieved a long list of accomplishments over the last year. In that time the WFFA adopted a monumental Cultural Resource Program, continued to develop the Legacy Project, expanded the *Landowner News*, started the 'Update,'

and redesigned the webpage. We partnered with the Family Forest Foundation on a Family Forest Field Day, revised our Constitution & Bylaws, Administrative Guidelines and Policies, stabilized membership and continued the Patron Program. We saw increased media communications in newspapers and on radio, advanced WFFA issues through RMAP legislation, the Family Forest Fish Passage Program, the Forest Riparian Easement Program appropriations, furthered development of templates and alternate plans and we lobbied in Washington DC. We also saw two WFFA members appointed to the Forest Practices Board. Above all, our greatest accomplishment may be the changing public perception that happens every time one of us talks to our neighbors and those with whom we come in contact daily.

I look forward to another busy year and to working with our new President, Ken Miller, and all of the exciting challenges that lay before us. Ken is a tree farmer with a huge heart and willingness to serve all of our "Stewards of the Land ... for Generations to Come."

**Treefully,  
Rick Dunning**

## Washington Farm Forestry Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal  New Member

If this is a family membership:

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Level (Please check One)

- General \$50  
 Sustaining \$100  
 Benefactor \$250  
 Lifetime \$1200 (onetime payment)  
 Associate \$50 (non-land owning)  
 Additional Chapter(s) @ \$10

Name of Additional Chapters(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Voluntary Contribution to Support WFFA .  
 Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut off this form and mail with a check made payable to "WFFA" to:

Washington Farm Forestry Association  
 P.O. Box 7663  
 Olympia, WA 98507

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