

**WFFA Kittitas Chapter Membership**

# **BENEFITS**

**Minimal time commitment**

Just two chapter meetings per year – one in the spring and a fall BBQ potluck on a member’s tree farm. We have only two officers and two committees!

**Stay informed on forest issues**

- With a WFFA membership, you will receive a bi-monthly newsletter and quarterly *Northwest Woodlands* magazine.
- Attend offered educational programs & workshops.
- Read about local forest and chapter news on the web based Yahoo! Group site, emails, chapter meetings and the state WFFA website [www.wafarmforestry.com](http://www.wafarmforestry.com)

**Forest certification**

We support forest certification including the internationally recognized American Tree Farm System - the oldest forest certification system in the U.S.

**Networking and fellowship**

By joining our chapter you will become associated with over 60 other local Central Washington family forest owners who share your interest in forest stewardship.

**Insurance opportunities**

New in 2012 is a no-cost \$2,500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance and opportunity for other health insurance services.

## *We advocate and support*

... local and state forest policies that incentivize maintaining and improving all the resources on a forested landscape.



**For additional information, feel free to**

# **CONTACT:**

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**Chapter Secretary/Treasurer:**  
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*You are invited to join*

## **The Kittitas Chapter**

# *Washington* **FARM FORESTRY** ASSOCIATION



**An association for family forest owners in Central Washington**

For over 50 years WFFA has promoted an exchange of information and educational outreach about forest management, forest policy and forest regulations between its members and public agencies and other organizations.



Our membership is growing because of what we all have in common: Our love for the land and interest in how to improve our stewardship.

Private forests provide vital ecosystem services related to water, air, and wildlife habitat as well as commercial and non-commercial benefits such as wood products, non-timber forest products and family outdoor enjoyment.



Our Kittitas chapter membership includes over 60 family forest members representing approximately 180 individuals and 5,000 acres.

In Kittitas County alone there are over 2,600 small forest owners with over 58,000 acres.

# EDUCATION/INFORMATION

**Programs - Assistance - Workshops - Field Days - Healthy & Safe Forests**

**Kittitas Chapter in-the-woods education**



**A WFFA group learning about forest soils**



*Our chapter meetings feature educational/informational programs relevant to small forest landowners in Central Washington.*

- Healthy and Safe Forests** - We promote educational programs for active forest management to create and maintain healthy and fire safe forest ecosystems.
- Forest Practices Assistance** - We assist members with their 15 year Forest Practices Applications and water typing.
- Technical and Financial Assistance** - We work with the Washington Department of Natural Resources, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Conservation Districts which offer technical and financial assistance programs.
- Workshops and Field Days** - We work with WSU extension forestry in sponsoring educational workshops and field days.

**BEFORE forest health thinning**



**AFTER forest health thinning**

