



LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

JUNE 2018 TWILIGHT TOUR

What: Tour of Commercially Thinned stands on ALCO (Agnew) property near Centralia

Who: Ben Carlsen, Forest Management Solutions LLC

Where: Meet at the Yardbirds parking lot, west side near the crow

When: June 19, 2018 – 6:30 pm

ALCO Holdings LLC is a local, medium-sized forest land owning company owned by the Agnew family. They own about 12,000 contiguous acres east of Centralia.

We are going to look at examples of commercial thinning of young stands (age 25-30 years), targeting residual densities of 160-200 stems per acre, using both ground-based and cable-based thinning systems. The ground-based thinning was 2 years ago and the cable-based was this season. The final stop will be at a stand that was thinned to this density 8 years ago, and is in the schedule for harvest in 2020.

We expect to spend around 30 minutes at each stop, and will core a few trees to show thinning response at the 1st and last stop.

We will meet at Yardbirds (by the crow) at 6:30 p.m. to carpool in as few vehicles as possible. We will be travelling on a well-maintained gravel road that is 2WD passable, but SUVs or pickups are preferable.

The route will take us south to Coal Creek Road, east to Centralia-Alpha road, and then south again on Centralia-Alpha for a mile to our 3000 road gate. We'll circle around and return to Yardbirds at the completion of the tour the way we came in.

If you are a railroad or local history buff, you may be interested in an article about the Eastern Railway and Lumber Company, the predecessor to the Agnew Company, which put railroad lines up Little Hanaford and Big Hanaford valleys into the area we will be seeing. The article is posted on the Lewis chapter page of the WFFA web site, www.wafarmforestry.com.

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Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, June 16: South Sound FFA invites us to join them for a tour and picnic on Ken and Bonnie Miller's Tree Farm near Millersylvania. The 10 a.m. tour will feature "rehab on tough ground", followed by a potluck picnic at noon. Details are available on the South Sound web page, or those with email will receive an invitation. Or call 360-705-1888, or 999-8595.

Tues. July 17: LCFFA Twilight Tour and Picnic - Richard & Debra Pine, O'Neill Pine.
They are our 2018 Lewis County Tree Farmers of the Year

Saturday August 18: Forest Owners Field Day near Woodland

Tuesday August 21: LCFFA Twilight Tour of Weyerhaeuser alder plantation near Ryderwood