



LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

AUGUST 2018 TWILIGHT TOUR

Who: Andrew A. Bluhm
Associate Program Director of Hardwood Silviculture Cooperative

What: Twilight Tour of an Alder Research Installation

When: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Where: Meet in Ryderwood behind the store next to the post office

The Hardwood Silviculture Cooperative has installed 26 variable density plantations extending from Coos Bay, Oregon to Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The majority of plantations are located in the Coast Range, with a few in the Cascade Range. The plantation distribution covers a wide range of geographic conditions and site qualities. At each site, cooperators planted large blocks of red alder at densities of 100, 230, 525, and 1200 trees per acre. Each block is subdivided into several treatment plots covering a range of thinning and pruning options (twelve total treatments per site).

The tour will be of one those installations just outside of Ryderwood on Weyerhaeuser Property. That installation is 27 years old. Andrew will be explaining what was done in the research plot and some of the findings from this and other installations.

NOTE: Hardhat, safety vest, and over the ankle boots are required. We'll have a few extras but assume most of you have these items.

Driving Directions: From I-5 take Exit 59. Go west on highway 509 for 9.7 miles to store on the southeast corner of Morse and 3rd street just before the Ryderwood Post Office. Park behind the store. From there will carpool a short distance via logging roads to the research site. Access is restricted and Weyerhaeuser will be escorting the tour.

Carpooling option: If you are coming from Centralia/Chehalis, you may wish to join a carpool from there and save some gas! Meet at the Park and Ride in the SE corner of Exit 77 at 5:45, no later than 5:55. Cars can depart for Ryderwood as soon as they are full.

Steve Stinson Legacy Family Forest Field Day, August 18, Woodland

The annual Forest Owners Field Day, sponsored by WSU Extension, Wash. DNR and others, will be held near Woodland on the property of the Zumstein family. You should have received a brochure in the mail, but if you didn't, you can find one at <http://forestry.wsu.edu> or on the WFFA web site under Education, Upcoming Events.

Pre-registration is preferred (\$30 per person including lunch, \$40 for family including 1 lunch) but you can register at the gate for \$10 more. Additional lunches are available for \$10 per person if you pre-register.

Report on July Twilight Tour

Our annual picnic was preceded by a visit to several thinning sites on O'Neill Pine Company's Zandecki property, plus a drone demonstration by Jaal Mann and an interesting description of the Jackson Prairie Gas Storage Facility which lies underneath the property. You can see a YouTube video of what the drone saw on the O'Neill Pine web site, opineco.com. Jaal & his drone are available for custom work, if you'd like to have a drone view of your own property.

Upcoming Meetings:

August 9: South Sound FFA tour of Millwood Timber's Log & Scaling Yard in Tumwater.
See WFFA web site for details.

August 11: Ties to the Land Succession Planning Workshop, Olympia. Pre-register at <http://forestry.wsu.edu>.

August 18: Family Forest Field Day. Woodland. Details above and at <http://forestry.wsu.edu/>

Sept. 17-Nov. 5: Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Course, Mondays in Chehalis.
Details at <http://forestry.wsu.edu/>