



LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING

When: September 17, 2019 7:00 p.m. business meeting
7:15 p.m. program

What: Wildlife in Our Woods

Who: Leif Hansen, Wildlife Biologist, Port Blakely

Where: Lewis County Courthouse Basement Conference Room
351 NW North St., Chehalis. Use west entrance

Our tree farms provide habitat for a wide range of wildlife, and we like having them, except when they eat our trees! Most of our conversations are about the problems caused by deer, elk and bear, but this program will focus on other species.

Leif has been a wildlife biologist in the timber industry for 9 years. During that time he has worked with a variety of species in Lewis County, from fish to golden eagles to amphibians.

He will cover the fisher reintroductions in southwest Washington and updates on the monitoring effort; some preliminary results of a bear resource use study Port Blakely recently participated in, and Port Blakely's approach to managing forests within the range of endangered species.

Educational Opportunities

Climate Change: Understanding it, planning for it, and creating a forest resilient to it, September 21, sponsored by Washington Tree Farm Program. Details and registration at <http://watreefarm.org/wp-content/uploads/2019-Fall-Forestry-Registration.pdf>

Forest Stewardship Coached Planning sponsored by WSU Extension, Wednesdays, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, October 16 – November 20 in Kelso. If you missed this course when it was offered in Chehalis last year, here's another chance. Details and registration at <http://forestry.wsu.edu/kelsocp/>

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Report on August Twilight Tour

A large group of members enjoyed a hayride around the Heitzmann Tree Farm in 3 tractor-pulled trailers and heard Elmer Laulainen talk about the bridge across King Creek, funded by FFFPP; a 30-year-old stand that was recently thinned; a clearcut of a 100-year old stand where he has planted both Douglas-fir and western red cedar; and part of the remaining 100-year-old timber. Elmer also demonstrated his firewood processor which makes quick work of the logs that he gets from the property.



Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, Oct. 9: *South Sound FFA*, Forest and Range Security on Your Tree Farm by Paul Figueroa. See web site for details.

Tuesday, Oct.15: *LCFFA Meeting*, WFFA Executive Directory Elaine Oneil

Tuesday, Nov. 19: *LCFFA Awards Banquet* at the Veterans Memorial Museum. Reservations are required; a form will be in November's newsletter. At this event, we hold a raffle which is the only fund-raising event that we have for the organization. Donations of raffle items are solicited from local businesses, but members are encouraged to make donations too. If you have something to donate, contact Donna Loucks, 360-736-2147 or loucksd@localaccess.com

December – no meeting

