

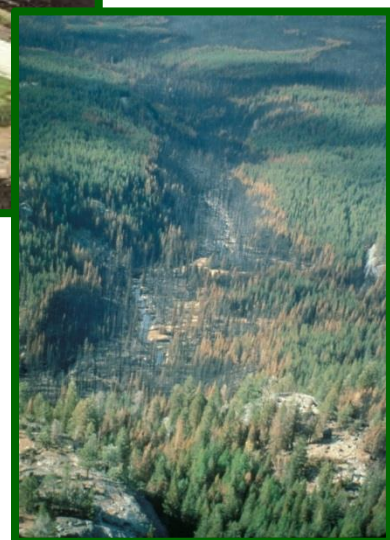
Register NOW for the WFFA **2018 ANNUAL MEETING and FIELD TOUR**

*Hosted by the Washington Farm Forestry Association State Office
In Coordination with the Statewide Planning Committee*

May 20-21, 2018
WFFA Annual Meeting
Sun Mountain Lodge
Winthrop, Washington

May 22, 2018
Field Tour to
Methow Valley Wildlife Areas and Firewise Site

Wildfire – Building Community and Forest Resilience



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The Voice of the Small Forest Landowners in Washington State

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The Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA) State Office, in coordination with our statewide Planning Committee, invites you to join us in the Methow Valley on May 20, 21 and 22, for our 2018 Annual Meeting (AM18). The Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop is the location for events on Sunday and Monday. Details on registration, location, lodging and driving directions are available on the last page. The Sun Mountain Lodge has offered special room rates of \$125-\$160 plus tax (available only through April 19). For those who choose to extend their stay in the area, visit the website for Winthrop tourism at <http://winthropwashington.com/>.

May 20th, 2018 – Early Arrival Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up, Evening Reception and Era of Megafires

We will offer check-in starting at noon on Sunday for those opting to arrive early. While the Executive Board meeting is being held that afternoon, plan to explore the lodge grounds or venture in to the nearby towns to peruse the local specialty shops and artisan workshops. We kick-off AM18 at 5:00 PM with a reception including complimentary hors d'oeuvres, no host bar and an opportunity to visit with your WFFA friends, old and new. At 7:00 PM sharp we offer an amazing multi-media presentation of Dr. Paul Hessburg's *Era of Megafires*. This is a highly acclaimed film about the current era of massive wildfires, what's brought about these fires and the changes needed for citizens of the West to better live with wildfire and smoke.

May 21st, 2018 – WFFA Annual Meeting: Wildfire – Building Community and Forest Resilience

Monday's program will offer a full day of top notch speakers, starting with Hilary Franz, the Commissioner of Public Lands for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Franz's overview of the DNR's "All Lands All Hands" approach to forest health will set the stage for the morning's conversation about fire's role in the ecosystem and its potential as a management tool to increase resilience and maintain ecological function in the state's forests. The afternoon will focus on disaster preparedness and recovery from a community perspective. Mixed into this information-rich program are many opportunities to celebrate our community: old-hands; upcoming talent; local talent; Washington Tree Farm Program's Tree Farmer of the Year; visit with our vendors and sponsors; and hopefully take home some really cool raffle items.

Raffle Fundraiser – A raffle fundraiser will be held on May 21st. Ticket holders must be present to win. All proceeds will be donated to the Eastside fire recovery efforts. Each Chapter is encouraged to provide at least one item for the raffle. If WFFA members wish to donate items for the raffle they should contact Kelly Zandell at info@wafarmforestry.com by April 1.

Exhibitors and Vendors – There is limited space for exhibitors and vendors at the lodge. Those who are interested must register as an AM18 attendee and should contact Kelly Zandell at info@wafarmforestry.com to complete a vendor form.

Sponsors – Companies or individuals that financially sponsor the Annual Meeting will be recognized in the meeting program handout and during the AM18 events. Donations from sponsors other than monetary donations, including attendee swag bag items, crafts and small gifts for the raffle fundraiser and other items are also welcome. Sponsor donations will be used to provide for items such as: refreshments during meeting breaks, field tour transportation and to diminish the registration cost for our attendees. Please contact Kelly Zandell at info@wafarmforestry.com to become an AM18 Sponsor.

Memorial to Honor Our Members Who Have Passed – Our attendee binders will include a section that recognizes and honors our WFFA tree farmers from around the state who have passed away within the last two years. If you have a member to honor, please email their name, their birth year and year of passing, Chapter, a photo and a brief description of the individual, their tree farm and their contributions to tree farming to Kelly Zandell at info@wafarmforestry.com by April 1.

May 22, 2018 – Field Tour to Methow Valley Wildlife Areas and Firewise Site

The AM18 Field Tour will include two sites in the Methow Valley Wildlife Area and one Firewise site. We will depart from The (Winthrop) Barn at 9:00 AM on chartered buses. The Wildlife Area stops will include: a recent harvest and its goals vis-à-vis historic stand conditions, wildlife habitat and treatments needed to get it to there, and a discussion of fire within riparian areas and management alternatives for maintaining riparian function. At the Firewise site we showcase critical elements needed to prepare for disaster, outcomes, and discuss restoration objectives and local resource technical/financial assistance. Breakfast at Sun Mountain Lodge and a box lunch on the tour will be available for those attendees who pre-pay. This should be a great opportunity to see our theme, *Wildfire – Building Community and Forest Resilience*, in real life!

Four Great Options for Attending AM18:

Don't miss out! Attend all three days' events

or you can opt to attend only the *Era of Megafires* presentation, only AM18 or only the Field Tour.

Washington Farm Forestry Association 2018 Annual Meeting Schedule

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Sun Mountain Lodge, 604 Patterson Lake Road, Winthrop, WA 98862

- 12:00-5:00 PM **Early Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up** – Main Lobby
1:30-5:00 PM **WFFA Executive Board Meeting** – Sawtooth Board Room
5:00-7:00 PM **Evening Reception** – Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and No Host Bar – Pasayten B
7:00 PM **Multi-Media Presentation of "Era of Megafires"** – Pasayten A (Open to the Public)

Monday, May 21, 2018 | Wildfire – Building Community and Forest Resilience

Sun Mountain Lodge, 604 Patterson Lake Road, Winthrop, WA 98862

- 7:00-8:00 AM **Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up and Buffet Breakfast** – Pasayten Foyer/Pasayten B
8:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks** | Patti Playfair, President and Elaine Oneil, Executive Director, WFFA
8:10 AM **Strategic Vision of the DNR's All Lands All Hands Approach to Forest Health** | Hilary Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
8:40 AM **Small Forest Landowner "Treetop" Service Award**
8:50 AM **In the Weeds – Strategies for Implementing the Forest Health Plan at the Landscape and Stand Level** | Dr. Derek Churchill, Forest Health Scientist, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
9:30 AM **Prescribed Burning in Action** | Dale Swedberg, Prescribed Burn Program Manager (retired), Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
10:00 AM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors, Buy Raffle Tickets and Enjoy Break Refreshments
10:30 AM **Tribal Perspectives on Fire Resilience** | Cody Desautel, Natural Resource Director, The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
11:00 AM **The Fire Happened – Now What?** | Ken Bevis, Stewardship Biologist, Washington State Department of Natural Resource's Small Forest Landowner Office
11:30 AM **Washington Tree Farm Program Awards Ceremony and Luncheon** | Guest Speaker: Russ Vaagen, Vaagen Timbers
1:00 PM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors, Buy Raffle Tickets and Enjoy Break Refreshments
1:30 PM **Steven D. Stinson Leadership in Natural Resources Scholarship Recipient Award**
1:40 PM **Firewise – Preparation as an Essential First Step** | Kirsten Cook, Community Outreach Director, Okanogan Conservation District
2:10 PM **Methow Ready: Community Engagement as Part of Disaster Preparedness** | Julie Muyliaert, Methow Ready Steering Committee
2:40 PM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors, Buy Raffle Tickets and Enjoy Break Refreshments
3:00 PM **Recovering from Disaster – Lessons from the Carleton Complex and Okanogan Complex Fires** | Carlene Anders, Mayor of Pateros and Executive Director, Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group
4:00 PM **WFFA Annual Business Meeting/State Elections/Annual Report**
5:00 PM **Social Hour – No Host Bar** – Pasayten A
6:00 PM **Dinner and Evening Program** | Story Telling and Music with Ken Bevis

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 | Field Tour to Methow Valley Wildlife Areas and Firewise Site

Begin at: The (Winthrop) Barn, 51 N. Highway 20, Winthrop, WA 98862

- 6:00-8:00 AM **Buffet Breakfast** – Pasayten Foyer/Pasayten B
8:30 AM **Attendee Check-in** – Begin boarding buses at The Barn, Winthrop; look for the WFFA parking area signs
9:00 AM **Buses depart** from The Barn for Field Tour
12:00 PM **Lunch** | Box lunches available for those who pre-register
2:00 PM **Buses return** to The Barn


Visit the WFFA website, www.wafarmforestry.com, for additional information about the Annual Meeting, including a link for those opting register online and those wishing to bring their RV.


NOTE: WFFA has applied for SAF Continuing Education Credits and Master Logger Credits for AM18 attendees.


If you have questions please contact: Kelly Zandell – info@wafarmforestry.com – 360-388-7074.


We look forward to seeing our farm forestry friends and making new ones!

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Registration: The conference registration fee is \$125 per person until April 10, 2018. After April 10, the fee is \$140 per person. Registration includes: Sunday reception, including complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and the ***Era of Megafires*** presentation; Monday breakfast, educational programs, break refreshments, the Washington Tree Farm Program Awards Ceremony and plated Luncheon, the Monday night dinner banquet; and Tuesday Field Tour. Tuesday Field Tour meals are also available for \$32 per person which can be purchased separately from, or in addition to, the conference registration. You can choose to attend only the ***Era of Megafires*** presentation, only AM18, only the Tuesday Field Tour or attend all three days' events. **Register online, via mail or via phone.** Take in all the information available at AM18!

Location: All activities on Sunday and Monday will take place at the Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop. On Tuesday, buses will depart from The (Winthrop) Barn for the Field Tour. Stops will include two Wildlife Areas and a Firewise site. You may register for only the Field Tour without registering for the full AM18.

Lodging: Reduced rate rooms will be available at the Sun Mountain Lodge (604 Patterson Lake Road, Winthrop, WA 98862) until **April 19:** Lodge Valley View room for \$125; Lodge Mountain View room for \$135; Gardener/Lodge Deluxe room for \$155; or Mt. Robinson Luxury Guest room for \$160. For the most room options, you must book early while space is available! Call **1-800-572-0493** for reservations; make sure to say you are with "**Washington Farm Forestry Association**" to receive the group rates of \$125-\$160, plus tax. After April 19, room prices will be based on availability.

Driving Directions: **Sun Mountain Lodge, 604 Patterson Lake Road, Winthrop, WA 98862**

Distance to Sun Mountain Lodge: From Seattle: 232 mi. • From Wenatchee: 98 mi. • From Spokane: 182 mi. • From Portland: 388 mi. Utilize the driving directions on the Sun Mountain Lodge website at www.sunmountainlodge.com/how-to-find-us/ or by putting the Sun Mountain Lodge address (see above) into your phone or car navigation system.

Combine business and pleasure! Plan your late Spring Mini Vacation to the beautiful Methow Valley in wonderful Winthrop! **Enjoy the fellowship** of your WFFA members and **come away renewed and inspired** for your tree farm's future.

Perhaps you're looking for the perfect way to encourage your spouse to attend the Annual Meeting? Sun Mountain offers a variety of activities including: hot air balloon rides; mountain biking, hiking and nature and wildlife viewing; golf and tennis; and horseback trail rides. The Methow Valley hosts a vibrant community of artisans and craftspeople whose wares can be found in the many shops in Twisp and Winthrop. The Spa at the Lodge offers a complete array of body and skin care treatments and gift certificates are available.

Westside and Eastside WFFA members all face the challenges of fire and creating defensible space. Come learn how to protect and improve the resiliency of your tree farm! Our feature speakers include Dr. Paul Hessburg's multi-media presentation ***Era of Megafires***.

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