2016 North Central Washington Pear Day
January 20, 2016 Wenatchee Convention Center
Co-Sponsored by: WSU Extension and Pear Bureau Northwest

**Session I** Integrated Pest Management of Pear Psylla and Mites

9:00-9:25 Experiences from the Hood River Integrated Area Wide Codling Moth Management Project. Steve Castagnoli, Oregon State University Extension Service, Hood River, OR

9:25-9:50 **Key Psylla Biology: Winter-form Stage** Where do they go? What helps them survive the winter? What signals them to return to the orchard? How do we disrupt that cycle? David Horton, Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS, Wapato WA

9:50-10:15 **The Good Guys: Natural enemies of psylla & how to maintain populations.** Generalist predators and parasites of psylla. Where are they? How do we maintain populations? And, what kills them? Dr. Tom Unruh, Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS, Wapato WA

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-10:55 **Blue Sky: Possible new tools for psylla management.** Host plant resistance, bacterial endosymbionts, and mating disruption. Rodney Cooper, Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS, Wapato WA

10:55 – 11:20 **Integrated Mite Management: Why did mites spike in 2015 & recommendations going forward.** Betsy Beers, WSU Tree Fruit Research & Extension Center

11:20-Noon IPM Panel Discussion
Noon-12:15 Elections
Noon – 1:00 Lunch

**Session II** Marketing, Pruning & Systems

1:00 – 1:15 **Announcements:** New Extension Specialist, The Tree Fruit Portal, Tree Fruit News

1:15-1:45 **Pear Pruning**
Stefano Musacchi, Endowed Chair, Associate Professor, Tree Fruit Physiology and Management

1:45-2:15 **Q & A with the Pear Bureau**
Kevin Moffitt, President; Bob Koehler, Lead Regional Marketing Manager; Dennis Kihlstadius, Ripening Consultant

2:15-3:00 **Panel Discussion: Higher Density Pears**
Rudy Prey, Prey’s Fruit; Mark Stennes, Stennes Orchards. Moderated by Boone Davis, Chamberlin Ag

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