

Whether you own a “home in the woods” or many acres of land, this “out in the woods” educational event is packed with practical how-to information that you need to know.

Stewarding land is both rewarding and challenging. Successful management is due to the decisions you make and the actions you take. Attending the **Family Forest Field Day** will prepare you to plan and execute sound practices, enabling you to accomplish your management objectives, reduce risks, and protect your financial investment.

This event will include classes and activities led by experts in forest health, wildlife habitat, recreation, soils, fire protection, timber and other forest products. Presenters will be available to answer your specific questions. Youth activities are also available throughout the day!

Come, join the more than 13,000 satisfied families who have already experienced these Field Days across the state. If you think forestlands are vital to the quality of life in Washington, please pass this information along to your neighbor! This flyer is available at <http://forestry.wsu.edu>.

Absentee forest owners with property east of the Cascades will also find this event highly beneficial.

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Schedule

- A detailed schedule of presentations will be available August 1 at <http://forestry.wsu.edu> or from your local WSU Extension office.
- Gates open at 8 a.m.
- Presentations at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

About the Site

- Parking adjacent to presentation stations.
- Portable restrooms, coffee, refreshments, and drinking water are available on-site.
- Seating provided at presentation stations and lunch area.
- Walking short distances over nearly-level forested terrain is required. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear.
- There will be vendors and displays.

Lunch

- On-site BBQ lunch to benefit local student clubs and athletes (\$10). *Must be ordered no later than August 10*, or, pack a lunch.

Directions to Field Day Site

- **FROM I-5:** Take Exit 77 (Chehalis) and head west 32 miles on SR 6.
- **FROM US 101:** In Raymond, head east 18 miles on SR 6.
- Watch for signs!
- **LOCATION:** Custer Creek Tree Farm
2943 State Route 6, Raymond, WA 98577
Hosts: Bob and Lynette Falkner Family
2003 American Tree Farm System
National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year

Information

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INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

August 15, 2015
**Custer Creek
Tree Farm**
Raymond, WA



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FAMILY FOREST FIELD DAY TOPICS—AUGUST 15, 2015

- **Advanced Hardwood Management**—This is the next level for understanding and managing the broad leaf deciduous trees in your forest or growing them from seedlings.
- **Basics of Red Alder Management**—Red alder's rapid growth and relative freedom from disease make it a promising silvicultural alternative to conifers. Learn how to grow it for maximum value.
- **Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance (2 hours)**—This hands-on safety program will teach you life- and limb-saving techniques, as well as how to care for your engine, chain, and other components.
- **Controlling Wildlife Damage**—Just about the time your trees are too big for voles to girdle, deer to browse down, and porcupines to chew out the tops, a bear comes along and kills it. Learn tools for protecting your trees from seedling to saw log.
- **East Side Forest Owners Session**—Own land on the east side of the Cascades? Catch these important highlights on managing for healthy forests on the dry side of the mountains.
- **Financial and Technical Assistance Programs**—Want to take a walk in YOUR woods with a professional forester and/or wildlife biologist? Want to learn how to reduce your cost for obtaining a written management plan and implementing practices that meet your objectives? Come learn from a variety of service agencies that are "from the government and REALLY ARE here to help."
- **Forest Health**—Learn how to identify and manage your forest in the presence of common insects, diseases, and other problems.
- **Forestland Security and Safety**—What you must know to keep yourself and your land safe from the bad guys running around out there. Topics include trespass, dumping, theft, dope labs and grows, and other hazardous situations.
- **Forestry Taxes: Current Use Property Taxation and Timber Excise Taxes**—Learn tips to reduce the tax burden on your forestland and the taxes due after selling timber.
- **Introduction to Forest Ownership with "Forest Dan"**—Are you a new forestland owner, or would you like some general information on where to go for help? This orientation is a great place to start and get questions answered.

- **Native American Uses of the Land**—A variety of plants, animals, and other materials have sustained the lives and customs of Native Americans for thousands of years. Learn how to identify, use, cultivate, protect, and share these important cultural resources.
- **Noxious Weed Management**—Protect the productivity of your forestland from the ravages of noxious weed incursion.
- **Planning a Successful Timber Sale and Working with Consulting Foresters**—Thinking about logging? What is your fair share? Is a handshake good enough? There's much more to a successful timber sale than meets the eye. Speak to professionals who can prepare forest management plans, oversee contractors, and negotiate sales in your best interest.



- **Protecting Your Home and Forest from Wildfire**—It's "the little things" that generally lead to home ignitions: needles in the gutters; flammable roofs; unscreened vents; etc. Fire brands can fly for thousands of feet, so even if you've done all the right things, your home may still be at risk. Learn what else you can do to protect your home from wildfire. Learn how to protect your forest using traditional forestry practices, which provide multiple benefits for you and your forest.
- **Site Preparation, Reforestation, and Early Plantation Care**—Includes how to prepare your site, seedling selection, planting techniques, and follow up care to help ensure survival and growth.
- **Shiitake Mushroom Culture (2 hours)**—Interested in learning how to successfully grow shiitake mushrooms? Learn how from an expert.

- **Thinning and Pruning**—The trees you've planted can compete among themselves. Learn how to keep them properly spaced and healthy. Also learn to use pruning to improve wood quality and resistance to wildfire and disease, and to enhance the attractiveness of your forest. Learn about tools of the trade for thinning and pruning.
- **Tree and Shrub Identification**—Learn the most frequently encountered plants in your forest, focusing on trees and shrubs.
- **Tree Falling, Bucking, and Chain Sharpening Demonstration**—Gain skill with, and respect for, your chainsaw and make your work more enjoyable. This wonderful and capable tool is the key to most forest operations, but can also be wasteful or dangerous. Both beginners and skilled users will learn straightforward techniques for felling trees in all situations, keeping your saw sharp and useful, and getting the most work done in a day.
- **Understanding and Enhancing Riparian and Fish Habitat**—Learn about streamside plantings to improve fish and wildlife habitat and protect water quality and how to improve fish passage under roads on your property. Get information on financial assistance available to help landowners implement these improvements.
- **Using and Selling Non-timber Products from Your Forest**—There's a lot more on your timberland than just trees for lumber. Get keyed in to opportunities for floral greens, essential oils, herbs, and mushrooms, and learn how to recognize opportunities for personal use and how to sell.
- **Using GPS to Navigate and Manage Land (2 hours)**—Learn how to make your GPS a useful tool to use on your farm. Subjects include GPS applications, types of appropriate GPS devices, how to gather GPS data and what to do with it. Bring your own GPS, or use one provided during the session.
- **Wildlife Habitat Talk and Walk**—Take a stroll with a forest wildlife biologist to learn simple, effective strategies to improve wildlife habitat on your property and integrate their needs into your forestry activities.

*Some topics may change.
Youth activities available all day!*

Family Forest Field Day

REGISTRATION FORM

SAVE \$10 before August 10, 2015!

- Registration fee: \$20 per person, \$30 for a family of two or more. Registration on the day of the event is \$30 per person, \$40 for a family of two or more.
- Please return registration form with fee (check made payable to "Field Day") by Monday, August 10, to:
WSU Extension
400 Washington Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Phone: (509) 667-6540
- Refunds available until the day of the event.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Daytime phone: _____

E-mail: _____

of acres owned: _____

County of ownership: _____

Regardless if you can attend, please indicate if you:

- Would like a one-on-one site visit from a DNR stewardship forester and/or wildlife biologist
- Would like to receive forest stewardship information from WSU Extension

___ Individual registration/\$20 each \$ _____

___ Family/\$30 group \$ _____

___ BBQ lunch/\$10 per person \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mobility assistance needed? Yes / No

Persons with a disability requiring special accommodations while participating in this program may call WSU Chelan County Extension, 509-667-6540. If accommodation is not requested in advance, we cannot guarantee the availability of accommodation on-site.

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