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 Forest and Range Owners 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 lead by experts in forest and range health, wildlife habitat, grazing, soils, fire protection, and timber and non-timber forest products. Presenters will be available to answer questions specific to your needs and situation. Youth activities are available throughout the day!

Come join the more than 18,000 satisfied families who have already experienced these Field Day events across the state. If you think forests and range lands are vital to the quality of life in Washington and Idaho, please pass this information along to your neighbor! This flyer is available at http://forestry.wsu.edu.

Event Sponsors and Cooperators

• Washington State University Extension
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• Family Forest Foundation
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• Washington Department of Revenue
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• Washington Farm Forestry Association
• Washington Cattlemen’s Association
• Sustainable Forestry Initiative
• American Tree Farm System
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Schedule

• A detailed schedule of presentations will be available on Sept. 1 at http://forestry.wsu.edu or your local WSU Extension office.
• Gates open at 8 am.
• Presentations at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, and 3:30 pm.

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 the Future Farmers of America ($10). One free lunch is provided with registration. Additional lunches can be purchased for $10. Lunches must be ordered no later than June 7. Or, pack a lunch.

Directions

Casa Becca del Norte Tree Farm is located at 2716 Moser Road, Chewelah, WA

• From HWY 395 at Chewelah, go NORTH of city park & EAST on S. Fork Chewelah Cr. RD, heading NORTH as road turns into Cozy Nook RD. Then, EAST on Highline RD headed NORTH. Then, EAST on Moser RD to site.

Follow the signs!

• For Google map: https://tinyurl.com/2p96brve

Information

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• Avoiding Livestock Sickness due to Poisonous Forages—Forages are a major source of nutrients for livestock nutrition and health. Forage toxicity in livestock is caused by the consumption of compounds found in different forages such as grazing crops, hay, or weeds. Learn about nutrition, potential hazardous forages, alternatives and opportunities (blue tongue; lupine; tall larkspur; crested wheatgrass, etc).

• Bark Beetles and Defoliators—Rapid tree damage and death can occur due to an infestation of bark beetles or defoliating insects. Learn how to identify and control these damaging pests in order to maintain healthy trees.

• Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance (2 hours)—This hands-on safety program will teach life and limb saving techniques, and how to care for your engine, chain, and other components.

• Common Noxious Weeds and Their Control—Protect the productivity of your forestland from the ravages of noxious weed incursion. Learn how to identify and control common weed species on lands.

• 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.

• Field Technology for Landowners—Technology is rapidly advancing and there are lots of new tools available to landowners. Join us as we explore these tools, many of which are free or low cost. Learn about GPS and mapping technology. Get an introduction to the forestry applications that are available for your phone or tablet.

• Forest Health—Is my forest healthy? How do I know? Learn how to identify and manage your forest in the presence of insects, diseases, and other problems.

• Forestland Soils—What is healthy soil? How does soil productivity impact tree growth and forest health? How is soil analyzed and where do you get information about your soil? How do you protect soil from erosion? What is compaction and why does it matter? Learn about soil health and online methods for creating your own custom soils report.

• Forestland Safety and Security—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 what to do if bad things happen.

• Forestry Taxes: Current Use Property Taxation and Timber Excise Taxes—Tips on how to reduce the property tax burden on your forestland, and the taxes due after you die. See how the timber business measures up.

• Grazing to Manage Fire Risk—Fire has long-shaped forest and rangelands of the inland northwest. Carefully managed grazing is one important tool that can alter the amount and continuity of vegetation to reduce the potential for devastating wildfires.

• Landowner Assistance Programs—Want to take a walk in YOUR woods with a professional forester and/or wildlife biologist? Want to learn about ways of significantly reducing the cost of obtaining a written management plan and implementing practices that meet your objectives? Come learn from a variety of service agencies that REALLY ARE here to help. Learn about the Family Forest Fish Passage Program which may qualify you to replace culverts and bridges at no cost.

• Measuring Trees (2 hours)—Learn how to measure the heights and diameters of your trees and determine the density and volume of your forest to help meet your objectives.

• Recreational and Aesthetic Opportunities—One of the most important things you can do is enjoy spending time in your woods. Learn to improve walking trails to make it easy to see and get around. Create the best places to rest, camp, or attract watchable wildlife.

• Realities of Selling Timber 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 meeting with the professionals who can prepare forest management plans, oversee contractors, and negotiate sales in your best interest.

• Root Rot Identification and Management—Root disease is one of the most common tree-killing diseases in western Washington. Identify common root rots and learn how to manage them.

• Site Preparation, Retorestation, and Early Plantation Care—Includes safe handling, how to prepare your site, seeding selection, planting technique, and follow up care to help ensure survival and growth.

• Small-Scale Forestry Demonstrations—Working in the woods is like no other work site. Conditions cannot always be controlled, hazards identified and avoided. But no action is not an option! Forest management is required in order to protect and maintain healthy, productive, and safe conditions in our woods. Equipment used by landowners to accomplish management needs include tractors, ATV’s, saws, hand and power tools. Learn about cutting and moving trees and logs, maintaining equipment, manufacturing your logs into usable lumber and other products, and managing slash and reducing fuels with a masticator. Note: Demonstrations will occur throughout the day. Come ask questions and get ideas!

• Thinning and Pruning—Even the trees you’ve planted can compete with themselves. Learn how to keep them properly spaced and healthy. Also, learn to use pruning to improve wood quality, wildlife resilience, and the attractiveness of your forest. Learn about tools of the trade for thinning and pruning.

• Tree and Shrub Identification—Learn the most frequently encountered woody plants in your forest, focusing on trees and shrubs.

• Using and Selling Native Plant Products from Your Forest—There’s a lot more on your land than just trees for lumber. Get keyed in to opportunities for floral greens, essential oils, herbs, mushrooms, and understand how to recognize opportunities for personal use and to sell.

• Wildlife Habitat Talk and Walk—Stroll with a wildlife biologist to learn simple, effective strategies for improving conditions for wildlife and integrating their needs into your management activities.

Some topics may change. Youth activities available all day!