

Forest Owners Winter School, Feb. 7, 2026. Community Colleges of Spokane, Colville

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Aquatic Habitats and Riparian Ecology	106			LUNCH	106		
Burning Forest Debris and Logging Slash, Rules and Hints	104			LUNCH		104	
Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance Workshop (2hrs, Hands-on, bring your saw!)		129	129 (cont.)	LUNCH		129	129 (cont.)
Common Noxious Weeds and Their Control	149B			LUNCH		149B	
Forest Grazing to Silvopasture		132		LUNCH	132		
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Forest Health – Bugs n’ Crud		136		LUNCH			136
Forest Wildlife Habitat Improvements & Enhancements			104	LUNCH	104		
Landowner Assistance Programs (technical & financial assistance)		106		LUNCH		106	
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Thinning & Pruning Your Forest			149B	LUNCH	149B		
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Wildfire Readiness, What to Expect:				LUNCH			
• Before the Fire	107			LUNCH			
• During the Fire		107		LUNCH		107	
• After the Fire			107	LUNCH			107
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** Numbers on this schedule correspond with ROOM NUMBERS on attached site map

- WSU Extension Forestry
- WA Dept. Natural Resources
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Spokane Community College
- Stevens County Conservation District

- <http://forestry.wsu.edu/>
- <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/LandownerAssistancePortal>
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/wa/home/>
- <https://scc.spokane.edu/>
- <https://sccd.stevenscountywa.gov>

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

• **Aquatic Habitats and Riparian Ecology**— Focus on riparian areas such as wildlife corridors and water-quality filters. Participants will learn to identify healthy aquatic habitats and plant species that stabilize streambanks and provide shade to keep water cool for fish. We will discuss management strategies, including the role of large woody debris and maintaining diverse native vegetation to support a resilient ecosystem.

Landon Shaffer, WA Dept. Natural Resources | Room 106: 9am, 1pm

• **Burning Forest Debris and Logging Slash, Rules and Hints**—Participants learn the difference between rule burns and permitted burns and the requirements. Landowners will learn to navigate the “burn portal” to obtain burn permits and learn safe burning practices. Included are restrictions on burn days, pile size, fire lines, time-of-year-specific rules, and how to know that the fire is out. Learn helpful hints for getting your best burn experience.

Travis Greene, WA Dept. Natural Resources | Rm 104: 9am, 2pm

• **Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance Workshop** — This hands-on workshop covers the fundamentals of safe operation and how to avoid common errors that lead to injury. You will learn to inspect your saw for maintenance needs, including the engine, air flow, suspension, fuel and power, chain, clutch, and other components. You will also learn to sharpen your saw correctly! You will learn how to select the right chainsaw to purchase, as well as safety gear and useful maintenance tools. Curious about battery-powered saws? Come learn the good news and how to make the best choices for your work needs.

Ryan Hampton, Community Colleges of Spokane | Rm 129: 10am-noon, 2pm-4pm

• **Common Noxious Weeds and Their Control**— Protect the productivity of your forest and range land from the ravages of noxious weed invasion. Learn how to identify and control common weed species.

Laura Sanders, Stevens Co. Noxious Weed Board | Rm 149C: 9am, 2pm

• **Forest Wildlife Habitat Improvements & Enhancements**— How can we help the wildlife on our land survive? Certain techniques are available to provide key habitats and encourage wildlife populations to survive. In this session, we will discuss ways to help wildlife, including nest boxes, habitat piles, "snagging" trees, feeding, and other time-tested methods.

Ken Bevis, WA Dept. Natural Resources | Rm 104: 11am, 1pm

• **Forest Grazing to Silvopasture**— Learn how to transition from unmanaged forest grazing to a deliberate silvopasture system that integrates trees, forage, and livestock. Discover how managed grazing can provide livestock with cooling shade and wind protection while simultaneously being used as a tool to reduce ladder fuels and control invasive weeds.

Dean Hellie, Stevens County Conservation District | Rm 132: 10am, 1pm

• **Forest Health 101** — Learn to identify and manage risks such as insects, diseases, and other threats in your forest. Understand how trees become vulnerable and how to reduce the risk. Recognize signs of infestation and insect attacks during forest monitoring. Root diseases can also be silent killers, but this class will help identify symptoms and promote healthy growth. Overall, you can manage your forest to reduce harmful impacts.

Dana Brennan, WA Dept. Natural Resources | Rm 136: 9am, 2pm

• **Forest Health – Bugs n’ Crud** — Bark beetles and defoliating insects are natural damage agents and play important roles in the way your forest develops and changes. At a small scale, insects can be food for bluebirds; out-of-control attacks can kill thousands of trees. Learn to recognize the symptoms of infested

trees, the signs of insect attackers, and patterns to look for as you monitor your forest's health

Dana Brennan, WA Dept. Natural Resources | Rm 136: 10am, 3pm

• **Landowner Assistance Programs** — Interested in a professional walkthrough of your property? Meet with DNR foresters and biologists to learn how to secure a personalized management plan for your land. Discover DNR-specific funding programs designed to offset your costs while you improve forest health, enhance wildlife habitat, and strengthen wildfire resilience. Come see how the DNR's stewardship team is dedicated to your land's success.

Holly Haley, Braden Britt, Landon Shaffer, WA Dept. Natural Resources | Rm 106: 10am, 2pm

• **Permits for Working in Water**— Are you planning a project near a lake, stream, pond or wetlands on your property? Learn about required permitting for common projects in and around the water. This presentation will introduce you to the different local, state, and federal agencies involved in water-related permitting, their jurisdictions, and their requirements. You will leave the class with a basic understanding of the permitting landscape and contact information for relevant agencies.

MaryJordan Braley, Stevens Co. Land Services Rm 132: 11am, 3pm

• **Regulatory Issues, Assistance, & Permitting**— To use your land for activities like timber harvesting and road building, landowners need approval from agencies that protect public and cultural resources. Typically, the State Department of Natural Resources is the first point of contact for regulatory approval. This program explains common activities families undertake, some of which may require special permits. It also provides information on technical and financial assistance resources to help protect public resources and reduce costs for land improvements.

Eric Keller, WA Dept. Natural Resources | Rm 106: 11am, 3pm

• **Successful Reforestation & Early Stand Management**— Forests develop and change due to a variety of environmental and biological factors. Come learn how trees interact within their forest environment, respond to change and circumstances, and gain insights into early stand management and successful reforestation. Discover activities you or your contractor can undertake to protect your forest's health, aesthetic beauty, and financial value.

Phil Anderson, WSU Extension Forestry | Rm 149C: 10am, 3pm

• **Thinning & Pruning Your Forest**— Effective pruning is an important part of taking care of a landscape because it helps trees and woody plants stay healthy and last longer. This course offers simple and clear instructions for thinning and pruning trees in a way that follows current standards.

Andy Perleberg, WSU Extension Forestry | Rm 149C: 11am, 1pm

• **Tree and Shrub Identification** — Learn about the most common plants found in your forest, with a special focus on various types of trees and shrubs. Develop a deeper understanding of how local wildlife interacts with these native species that naturally grow in that environment, and explore the role they play in the broader ecosystem.

Ken Bevis, WA Dept. Natural Resources | Rm 104: 10am, 3pm

Wildfire Readiness, What to Expect:

• **Before the Fire** — It's "the little things" that generally lead to home ignitions—needles in the gutters, building materials, unscreened vents, etc. Firebrands can fly through the sky for thousands of feet, so even if you've done all the right things to reduce wildfire hazard on your own land, your home may still be at risk. Learn what you can

do to protect your home from wildfire. Learn what you can do to protect your forest using traditional forestry practices, which provide multiple benefits for you and your forest.

Guy Gifford, WA Dept. Natural Resources | Rm 107: 9am

• **During the Fire** — Fire embers fly quickly through wind turbulence, and the rate of wildfire spread can be unbelievable. Emergency services work swiftly to deploy first responders, control ignition sources, and mitigate risks. Learn what to expect and how to prepare for wildfire evacuations.

Adenea Sellars, Stevens Co. Emergency Management | Rm 107: 10am, 2pm

After the Fire — the fire has passed, and there are many short-term actions and other chronic recovery needs for your forested land. Learn what to expect for risk assessment, vegetation recovery, and assistance for helping you and your land recover from wildfire.

Mary-Ellen Reyna, WA Dept. Natural Resources | Rm 107: 11am, 3pm

• **Working with Consulting Foresters; Realities of Selling Timber; Forest Management Plans** — 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.

Association of Consulting Foresters | Rm 149B: 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm

• **Water Quality** — Learn the essential practices for maintaining and improving the health of streams, ponds, and wetlands on your property. This session covers the fundamentals of water quality, including how to identify and mitigate potential pollutants and sediment runoff.

Charles Jones, WA Dept. of Ecology | Rm 132: 9am, 2pm

Visit our exhibitors throughout the day. Please take the opportunity to visit our exhibitor hall. Representatives from state agencies, local conservation districts, and private forestry consultants are available to provide personalized resources, maps, and technical assistance tailored to your specific property goals

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