



WSU EXTENSION NEWS

Stevens County Newsletter

SPECIAL ISSUE

FOREST OWNERS WINTER SCHOOL

Happening this weekend!

February 24, 2024

9:00 am—4:00 pm

Gates open at 8:00am

LOCATION

Community Colleges of Spokane

1810 N Greene Street

Spokane, WA 99202

COST: \$40 per person/ \$50 per family

QUESTIONS?

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The **Forest Owners Winter School** is a hands-on, interactive educational event for families who own forestland in Washington. Whether you live on your land or are an absentee owner, this is a great opportunity to learn how to gain more benefits from your family forest no matter where it is located in the state.

Come to the Winter School and:

- Get practical, “how-to” advice on simple stewardship practices
- Talk with agency and natural resource professionals from Eastern and Western Washington who are available to assist you in meeting your family’s goals
- Meet other landowners (maybe a neighbor!)
- See equipment displays and speak to vendors
- Get your forestry questions answered at the resource center

Workshops and classes range from 1 hour to 2 hours. Throughout the day, over two dozen topics will be presented for you to choose from! By the end of the day, you will have attended four–six sessions. In addition, there will be a resource area featuring exhibitors, vendors, and displays by public, private, and nonprofit organizations that provide products and services to assist landowners. Whether you are a “novice” to family forestry, or your family has owned land for many generations, there is something new for everyone to learn at the Forest Owners Winter School.

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REGISTRATION FEE

Advance registration (received by February 20) is \$30 per person and \$40 per family (or \$40 per person and \$50 per family on the day of the event). Registration includes all class materials and refreshments. Bring the entire family! Box lunches will be available for purchase for an additional \$10 each, and must be pre-purchased by February 20.

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WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Session topics* include:

- Forest Health, Bark Beetles, and Root Diseases
- Forest Wildlife and Habitat Enhancement
- Attracting Songbirds; Managing Big Game
- Forest Improvements; Tending Trees; Successful Reforestation
- What To Expect and Do Before, During, and After a Wildfire
- Managing Fuels by Hand, Equipment, Using Prescribed Fire, and Burning Slash Piles
- Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance Clinic (2-hr); Forestry Hand Tools; Portable Sawmills
- Noxious Weeds; Forest Soils; Tree and Shrub I.D.
- Forest Property Tax Benefits; Taxes After Logging
- What Consulting Foresters Do; Forest Management Plans; Realities of Selling Timber
- Forestland Safety and Security
- Landowner Technical and Financial Assistance Programs

* Topics are subject to change

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