

Snohomish/Skagit Extension Forestry E-Newsletter

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The Snohomish/Skagit Extension Forestry E-Newsletter is sent out periodically as news and announcements become available. Please feel free to forward and share this information with others who may be interested.

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DNR Long-Term Application Education Event—this Tuesday, February 19th

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Washington State University (WSU) Extension will be hosting an educational event about the new Long Term Forest Practices Application in Everett on February 19, 2008. This free event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Cougar Auditorium at Snohomish County Extension Building at McCollum Park (600 128th St. SE, Everett, WA).

This new program will allow small forest landowners to apply for a Long-Term Application (LTA) that is valid for up to 15 years. This opportunity is expected to ease the paperwork burden and allow more flexibility in timing harvests, but the process of filing a long-term permit will be much different than the standard 2-year permit. The LTA does not replace the standard application, but rather is an additional option. If you periodically harvest timber, it is important to be aware of this new option

No RSVP is necessary to attend this event. For more information visit <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/forestryevents.htm> or contact Michael Ahr, DNR Small Forest Landowner Office, at (360) 902-1849 or michael.ahr@dnr.wa.gov.

Storm Damage Resources

For those impacted by the December windstorm in southwest Washington, there are several new resources available:

- The DNR has developed a website with information on recovery assistance: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/forestpractices/dec2007storm/#assist>
- WSU Extension and the DNR have also developed a Q & A page with information on cleanup timelines; insect, disease, and fire risk; financial issues; and where to go for assistance: <http://ext.wsu.edu/documents/StormDamage.pdf>
- After The Storm—Educational Workshops for Family Forest Owners: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM on February 23rd at Raymond High School and March 1st at Aberdeen High School. These workshops will be free to the public and will cover the following topics:
 - Assessing Your Situation/Determining How To Proceed
 - What You Need To Know About Wood-Damaging Organisms: Bark Beetles, Stain and Decay, and Root Rot
 - Realities of Salvage Harvesting
 - Starting Over: Slash Disposal, Site Preparation, Reforestation and Early Plantation Care
 - Introduction to Forest Practices Regulations, Processes and Alternate Plans
 - Federal Income Tax Considerations
 - State Forest Excise Tax Issues
 - Where To Get Help and More Information

If you have not yet had a chance to visit our new website, check it out at <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/>. The site is continually under construction, so check back often as new features, resources, and information are added.

Other Resources of Interest

- The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife publishes a periodic “Crossing Paths” newsletter with interesting and useful information about wildlife: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/crospath/>
- The Department of Labor and Industries has several online presentations on safety equipment and procedures for chainsaw use, tree felling, and logging. Topics include:
 - Personal Protective Equipment <http://wisha-training.lni.wa.gov/training/presentations/LoggerPPE.pps>
 - Chainsaw Safety

Other Upcoming Events

- **Forest Stewardship Classes:** These popular classes are currently offered in Snohomish and Skagit counties as well as other locations throughout the state. To find the class nearest you, visit <http://ext.nrs.wsu.edu/newsevents/forststewardship.htm>
- **Spring Forestry Education Seminar scheduled for March 29th in Olympia:** WSU Extension's traditional "Fall Education Seminar" has now become the "Spring Education Seminar." This year's seminar will be held in Olympia and will be a facilitated workshop on succession planning using the new **Ties to the Land** curriculum from OSU. For more details and registration information visit <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/forestryevents.htm>
- **Upcoming Beach Watcher Training in Snohomish County:** Do you love beaches and Want to learn a ton? Join the WSU Snohomish County Beach Watchers! Beach Watchers are university caliber-trained volunteers dedicated to protecting Puget Sound's fragile environment through education, research and personal example. The annual 100-hour WSU Beach Watcher Training is being offered in Snohomish County March 17 – May 8, Mondays and Thursdays, 9AM – 3:30 PM in Marysville. The whole course includes expert presentations, field trips and hands-on practice on many topics including:
 - coastal processes;
 - marine organism identification,
 - marine birds,
 - public education,
 - scientific monitoring,
 - salmon and forage fish,
 - local natural resource condition.

In return, Beach Watchers continue learning while volunteering at least 100 hours over two years as citizen scientists, educators, restorationists and project planners. A few examples of WSU Beach Watchers projects are designing and launching a crab harvester education program, doing interpretation at public parks and monitoring beaches for rouge creosote logs, establishing baseline beach surveys and educating shoreline landowners. Class size is limited so there is an application process. You don't need to be an expert to participate – just be interested in Puget Sound issues and be willing and able to participate in projects after the training is over. For an application or more information, contact Chrys Bertolotto, WSU Extension / Snohomish County at (425) 357-6020 or chrys@wsu.edu.

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.