

Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Preston - Fall 2016

Class 1 Agenda – September 20, 2016

Reception and Ice Breaker	5:30 – 6:30
Introduction to Coached Planning <i>Kevin Zobrist (WSU Extension)</i>	6:30 – 7:15
Break <i>Kevin Zobrist (WSU Extension)</i>	7:15 – 7:25
Western Washington Native Trees <i>Kevin Zobrist (WSU Extension)</i>	7:25 – 8:35
Forest Stand Dynamics <i>Kevin Zobrist (WSU Extension)</i>	8:35 – 9:20
Wrap-Up	9:20 – 9:30

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Recommended Reading

1. *Try the CD-ROM in your computer and make sure it works (if you do not have a computer at home, please visit your local library and ask a librarian for assistance if needed). Read through at least two sample plans to familiarize yourself with what a stewardship plan looks like. Are there any samples that seem to fit your style/objectives/property that you would like to use as a template for your own plan?
2. **Your Forest Stewardship Plan* (Planning section of the notebook).
3. *Read and familiarize yourself with the *Forest Stewardship Plan Guidelines* (Planning section of the notebook).
4. *Terminology for Forest Landowners* (Introduction section of the notebook).
5. *Native Trees of Western Washington* (book).
6. **Forest Ecology in Washington* (Forest Management section of the notebook).

Recommended Activities

1. *Using the Forest Stewardship Plan Guidelines and one of the electronic samples/templates (handouts on the web and also on your CD-ROM), prepare the Cover Page of your plan.
2. *Scope out your goals and objectives. What are your hopes, intentions, and/or expectations for your property? How do you want your forest to look and function in 5, 10, 20 years and beyond? If you are managing your property jointly with someone else (e.g. family member, neighbor), each of you may complete the activity individually and then discuss the management objectives for your forest together.

Use this information to complete the Goals and Objectives section of your plan. Try to include at least 5 specific goals you have in managing your forest.
3. *Start working on the general property description section of your plan, using the sample plans and the info you gathered above as a guide. Identify any facts or information that you will need to gather to complete this.
4. *Look at the orthophoto of your property and try to identify unique "stands" that are present. Refer to pages 5-8 of Basic Forest Inventory Techniques for Family Forest Owners for guidance, examples, and instructions for computing acreage. Give each stand a name, and sketch out their boundaries, and determine acreage. Then walk your property (preferably with family members and/or co-owners) to verify what you've identified on the map. For each stand, note as much of the following information about the following as possible:
 - What tree species are present? What are the predominant species in the stand?
 - What size are trees? (e.g. seedling, sapling, pole, saw-timber)
 - What is your estimate of the stocking (density) of the stand? Does it seem adequately stocked, under-stocked, over-stocked?
 - What are some other defining characteristics of the stand? (e.g. steep, flat, wet, dry, etc.).
 - What is the understory like in each stand?

Connect Online

Using your home computer or a computer at your local library, check out these additional resources that are available to you online:

1. *Download Forestry Education and Assistance for Washington Forest Landowners from <https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13527> and familiarize yourself with the resources available in your area.
2. Browse the North Puget Sound Extension Forestry and start familiarizing yourself with the resources there. You will be utilizing this website throughout the class.
 - <http://forestry.wsu.edu/nps/>
 - Look especially at the Links and Resources pages to get an idea of the resources available to you as a forest owner

** Top priorities for this week*