

Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Spring 2018 – Vashon Island

Class 2 Agenda – April 2, 2018

Review/Intro	6:00 – 6:10
Forest Health Part I <i>Dan Omdal (WA DNR)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest Health Handouts	6:10 – 7:25
Break	7:25 – 7:35
Forest Health Part II <i>Dan Omdal (WA DNR)</i>	7:35 – 8:50
Wrap-Up	8:50 – 9:00

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Recommended Reading

(From the Stewardship Handbook folder in the Publication Library on your thumb drive)

1. **Assessing Tree Health*
2. Read the following fact sheets in *Forest Health Notes*: root rot, Douglas-fir beetle, white pine blister rust, and dwarf mistletoe.

Recommended Activities

1. *Take a walk through your property, observing each stand from a forest health perspective. Make note of the following types of things (and your assessment of their severity):
 - Dense, crowded areas where trees are likely under stress.
 - Areas of blow-down or a significant number of fallen trees—note things like how many trees are down and what species, whether the trees all fell in the same direction or randomly, where the tree failed (stem snapped, roots snapped, uprooted, etc.).
 - Areas of damaged tops (from wind, snow, or ice).
 - Evidence of drought damage.
 - Other signs of forest health issues (insect evidence, disease evidence, animal damage, dwarf mistletoe, etc.).
2. *Start drafting the Insects and Diseases subsection of Forest Health/Wildfire/Invasive Species section (Resource Category 1) of your plan. Use the examples as a guide. Try to identify any priority issues and what steps you would like to take to address them. You will likely need to wait for your site visit to confirm any diagnosis and finalize this session. Note: the invasive species and fire risk portions of this section will be addressed later in the course.

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. Browse the Forest Service's Region 6 Forest Health website:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/forest-grasslandhealth>
2. Browse the following sections of the Extension Forestry resources webpage. Pick a specific insect and/or disease to read about in more detail.
 - Animal Damage: <http://forestry.wsu.edu/resources/#animal>
 - Forest Diseases: <http://forestry.wsu.edu/resources/#disease>
 - Forest Insects: <http://forestry.wsu.edu/resources/#insect>

** Top priorities for this week*