Whether you own a “home in the woods” or many acres of land, this “out in the woods” educational event is packed with practical “how-to” information that you need to know.

Stewarding land is both rewarding and challenging. Successful management is due to the decisions you make and the actions you take. Attending the Forest Owners Field Day will prepare you to plan and execute sound practices, enabling you to accomplish your management objectives, reduce risks, and protect your financial investment.

This event includes classes and activities led by experts in forest health, wildlife habitat, soils, fire protection, and timber and nontimber forest products. Presenters will be available to answer questions specific to your needs and situation. Youth activities are available throughout the day!

Come join the more than 12,000 satisfied families who have already experienced these Field Day events across the state. If you think forestlands are vital to the quality of life in Washington, please pass this information along to your neighbor! This flyer is available at http://forestry.wsu.edu.

Absentee landowners with property anywhere east of the Cascades will find this event highly beneficial.

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Schedule
- A detailed schedule of presentations will be available on June 1 at forestry.wsu.edu or your local WSU Extension office.
- Gates open at 8 am.
- Presentations at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, and 3:30 pm.

About the Site
- Parking adjacent to presentation stations.
- Portable restrooms, coffee, refreshments, and drinking water are available on-site.
- Seating provided at presentation stations and lunch area.
- Walking short distances over nearly-level forested terrain is required. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear.
- There will be vendors and displays.

Lunch
- On-site BBQ lunch to benefit school clubs and sports ($10). Must be ordered no later than June 8. Or, pack a lunch.

Directions to Field Day Site
Vukonich Family Farm and Forest
100 Fanhouse Road
Ronald, WA

Take exit 80 to Roslyn (Bullfrog Road). NW on WA-903 to Ronald. Left off WA-903 to Fanhouse Road.
Follow the signs!

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- Bark Beetles and Defoliators—Rapid tree damage and death can occur due to an infestation of bark beetles or defoliating insects. Learn more about symptoms and signs of damaging pests in order to maintain healthy trees.
- Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance (2 hours)—This hands-on safety program will teach you life and limb saving techniques, as well as how to care for your engine, chain, and other components.
- Common Noxious Weeds And Their Control—Protect the productivity of your forestland from the ravages of noxious weed incursion. Learn how to identify, use, cultivate, protect, and share selected important cultural resources.
- Controlling Wildlife Damage—Just about the time your trees are too big for voles to girdle, deer to browse down, and porcupines to chew out the tops, a bear comes along and kills it. Learn tools for protecting your trees from seedling to saw log.
- Forest Health—Learn how to identify and manage your forest in the presence of common insects, diseases, and other problems. Attend the Hands-on session and take home a nifty tool for assessing forest health risk!
- Forestland Security and Safety—What you must know to keep yourself and your land safe from the bad guys running around out there. Topics include trespass, dumping, theft, dope labs and grows, and other hazardous situations.
- Forestry Taxes: Current Use Property Taxation and Timber Excise Taxes—Tips on how to reduce the tax burden on your forestland, and the taxes due after selling timber.
- Hands-on Forest Health Assessment—Learn how to determine if your forest stands are predisposed to insects, diseases, and other damage agents using a simple tool—and take the tool home with you!
- Landowner Assistance Programs—Want to take a walk in YOUR woods with a professional forester and/or wildlife biologist? Want to learn about ways of significantly reducing the cost of obtaining a written management plan and implementing practices that meet your objectives? Come and learn from a variety of service agencies that REALLY ARE here to help.
- Measuring Trees (2 hours)—Learn how to measure the heights and diameters of your trees and determine the density and volume of your forest to meet your objectives.
- Native American Uses of the Land—A variety of plants, animals, and other materials have sustained the lives and customs of Native Americans for thousands of years. Learn how to identify, use, and understand how to recognize opportunities for personal use and to sell.
- Protecting Your Home from Wildfire—it’s “the little things” that generally lead to home ignitions—needles in the gutters, building materials, unscreened vents, etc. Fire brands 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.
- Protecting Your Forest from Wildfire—Learn what you can do to protect your forest using traditional forestry practices which provide multiple benefits for you and your forest.
- Realities of Selling Timber and Working With Consulting Foresters—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.
- Shitake Mushroom Culture (2 hours)—Interested in learning how to successfully grow shiitake mushrooms? Learn how to do it the right way from an expert.
- Site Preparation, Reforestation, and Early Plantation Care—Includes how to prepare your site, seedling selection, planting techniques, and follow up care to help ensure survival and growth.
- Thinning and Pruning—Even the trees you’ve planted can compete between themselves. Learn how to keep them properly spaced and healthy. Also, learn to use pruning to improve wood quality, wildfire and disease resistance, and to enhance the attractiveness of your forest. Learn about tools of the trade for thinning and pruning.
- Tree and Shrub Identification—Learn the most frequently encountered plants in your forest, focusing on trees and shrubs.
- Tree Root Rot Identification and Management—Identify common root rots and learn critical methods for protecting your trees from damaging and tree killing root diseases.
- Using and Selling Native Plant Products from Your Forest—There’s a lot more on your timberland than just trees for lumber. Get keyed in to opportunities for flowers, vegetables, essential oils, herbs, mushrooms, and understand how to recognize opportunities for personal use and to sell.
- Using GPS to Navigate and Manage Land—Learn how to make your GPS a useful tool to use on your farm. Subjects include GPS applications, types of appropriate GPS devices, how to gather GPS data and what to do with it. Bring your own GPS, or use one provided during the session.
- Wildlife Habitat Talk and Walk—Take a stroll with a forest wildlife biologist to learn simple, effective strategies to improve habitat for wildlife on your property and integrate their needs into your forestry activities.

Some topics may change. Youth activities available all day!