



Forestry Education and Assistance for Washington Forest Landowners

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Introduction

Forestry education and assistance are available to Washington forest landowners from a variety of sources, including public agencies, private consultants, and fellow landowners. Available resources include publications, videos, workshops, online classes, technical advice, and financial assistance. Whatever your situation, there is likely a resource, organization, or individual that can help you meet your forest stewardship goals.

Washington State University Extension

About WSU Extension

Washington State University (WSU) is Washington's designated land-grant university. The land-grant system was established by Congress in the 1800s to provide greater higher education opportunities for the working classes. The Cooperative Extension Service was established as part of the land-grant system by the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 to continue improving public access to university resources.

WSU Extension is a three-way partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), WSU, and county governments. WSU Extension has offices in every county in Washington, with each local office providing a different mix of local programs that may include agriculture, gardening, community and economic development, health and wellness, youth and families, and natural resources stewardship. Some examples of specific programs offered by WSU Extension around the state are Master Gardeners, Beach Watchers, 4-H, and Forest Stewardship.

The WSU Extension Forest Stewardship Program provides educational workshops, tours, online trainings, publications, newsletters, and individual consultation on a variety of subjects, including forestry, wildlife, and other natural resources. Extension educators are WSU faculty who work in local county Extension offices. Many, but not all, counties in Washington are served by a forestry Extension educator. A complete list of WSU's forestry educators is included in this publication. For additional information about WSU Extension resources in your

county, contact your local county Extension office. The directory in this publication lists all WSU Extension offices by county. Contact information is also available in the government listings in your local telephone book and online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/locations/>.

The WSU Forestry and Wildlife Extension webpage also provides information about programs, workshops, publications, streaming videos, online trainings, and other resources for forest landowners. To view this information, visit <http://ext.wsu.edu/forestry/>.

Forest Stewardship Coached Planning

Coached Planning is the flagship of the WSU Extension Forest Stewardship Program. Coached Planning classes are offered to forest landowners throughout the state of Washington. These short courses typically include one evening class per week for six to nine weeks. The classes are designed to help forest landowners develop customized management solutions to meet their individual ownership objectives. Participants will identify their property ownership goals and develop a comprehensive forest stewardship plan. A stewardship plan may qualify landowners for cost-share assistance for plan implementation, as well as recognition as a Stewardship Forest, and a reduction in current-use property-tax rates. Forest Stewardship Coached Planning is a collaborative educational program offered by WSU Extension in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other federal, state, and local natural resources agencies.

For more information, visit the Coached Planning website at <http://ext.wsu.edu/forestry/stewardship.htm>. To register for a class or to ask questions, contact your local Extension forestry educator.

Forest Landowner Field Days

Each summer, WSU Extension, the DNR, and other agency partners host educational field days for forest landowners. Typically, at least two Saturday field days are held each year, one east and one west of the Cascades. These field days offer a hands-on, "out in the woods," educational

experience for the whole family. Participants can attend outdoor seminars offered throughout the day on dozens of forest stewardship topics, such as forest health, thinning, pruning, riparian management, wildlife habitat, special forest products, wildfire protection, and more.

These field days provide educational opportunities for participants of all ages and skill levels, along with forest landowners regardless of property size. They offer an excellent introduction to forest stewardship, provide advanced learning opportunities for experienced landowners, or simply allow landowners a chance to “sharpen the saw,” that is, refresh existing skills or be updated on the latest forest research and developments. For information on upcoming field days, contact your local Extension forestry educator, or visit <http://ext.wsu.edu/forestry/>.

Sidebar 1: WSU Extension Publications

To obtain WSU Extension publications, contact your local WSU Extension office, or place an order with:

WSU Extension Publishing
PO Box 645912
Pullman WA 99164-5912
509-335-2857 or 800-723-1763
Email: ext.pubs@wsu.edu
Website: <https://pubs.wsu.edu/>

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Sidebar 2: Get Connected

Stay on top of the latest news, information, upcoming events, and other available resources for forest landowners by subscribing to one or more of these free email newsletters:

- **Forest Stewardship Notes:** This statewide educational newsletter provides news, feature articles, technical advice, and event announcements for forest landowners throughout Washington. The newsletter is published monthly by WSU Extension and the Washington DNR. To subscribe or view archives, visit <http://ext.wsu.edu/forestry/>.
- **North Central Washington Forest Stewardship Updates:** This email listserv provides periodic information and events of specific interest to forest landowners in the north central Washington area. The listserv is managed by the WSU Extension forestry program that serves Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Okanogan, and Yakima counties. To subscribe, visit: <http://www.ncw.wsu.edu/foreststewardship/join.htm>.
- **Puget Sound Forest Stewardship E-Newsletter:** This newsletter features news, information, events, and resources of specific interest to forest landowners in the north Puget Sound area. The newsletter is published ten times per year by the WSU Extension forestry program that serves Snohomish, Skagit, King, and Island counties. To subscribe or view archives, visit: <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/forestrymailing.htm>.

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Forest Stewardship Program

The DNR Forest Stewardship Program provides services and direct one-on-one assistance to forest landowners with ten or more acres in western Washington or with any acreage in eastern Washington. DNR stewardship foresters offer no-cost, non-regulatory, on-site visits to help landowners improve forests for timber production, forest health, wildlife and fish habitat, special forest products, aesthetics, and fire safety. Advice is customized to meet the landowner's specific objectives.

Regional Forest Stewardship Staff

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Sidebar 3: DNR Regional Contacts

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Northwest Region

919 N Township St
Sedro Woolley WA 98284-9384
360-856-3500
northwest.region@dnr.wa.gov
Island, NE King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties

Olympic Region

411 Tillicum Lane
Forks WA 98331-9271
360-374-2800
olympic.region@dnr.wa.gov
Clallam, Jefferson, NW Grays Harbor, and NW Mason counties

Pacific Cascade Region

601 Bond Rd
PO Box 280
Castle Rock WA 98611-0280
360-577-2025
pacific-cascade.region@dnr.wa.gov
Clark, Cowlitz, SE Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, and Wahkiakum counties

South Puget Sound Region

950 Farman Ave N
Enumclaw WA 98022-9282
360-825-1631
southpuget.region@dnr.wa.gov
King, Kitsap, Mason, and Pierce counties

Southeast Region

713 E Bowers Rd
Ellensburg WA 98926-9301
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Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, SE Lincoln, SE Skamania, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties

Department of Natural Resources primary phone line—1-800-527-3305, online at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/>

Small Forest Landowner Office

The DNR Small Forest Landowner office (SFLO) was established in 1999 to promote the viability of small forest landowners in Washington. The SFLO manages several assistance programs for landowners, including:

- Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP)—A cost-share program that provides small landowners with 75 to 100% of the cost to replace fish barriers on their property. Enrolled landowners are not required to replace a barrier until the state determines that the barrier is a funding priority.
- Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP)—Provides financial compensation to qualifying small landowners who are required to leave commercial timber in riparian buffers during harvest operations.
- Rivers and Habitat (formerly known as the Riparian Open Space Program)—Purchases conservation easements from landowners with forested land within channel-migration zones.

SFLO Staff

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Forest Practices

The Washington State Forest Practices Act regulates timber harvesting, road building, and other forestry activities on private forestlands. Most forest management activities require a permit called a Forest Practices Application (FPA). State law now also requires forest landowners to correct problems with road conditions that may affect water quality or fish habitat. Most small forest landowners are asked to submit a checklist that confirms they have assessed their forest roads and are maintaining them according to state standards.

Regional forest practices staff are available to assist you with questions you may have about your FPA or your harvest unit so that forest practices rules are followed. Regional forest practices staff can also help you with assessing your forest roads and understanding the state forest road-maintenance standards. For assistance with forest practices, contact the DNR regional office that serves the area in which your land is located (see Sidebar 3).

Forest Health

The DNR has forest entomologists (insect specialists) and pathologists (disease specialists) who monitor forest health problems around the state. These experts are frequent speakers at educational programs for forest landowners. For assistance with a forest health problem, first contact your local DNR stewardship forester or WSU Extension forestry educator for diagnoses and recommendations or for a referral to an entomologist or pathologist if necessary.

Fire Prevention

The DNR is responsible for wildfire protection on 12 million acres of private and state forestland. For tips and best practices information on protecting your home and forestland from wildfire, contact your local DNR stewardship forester or WSU Extension forestry educator. Your local conservation district may also offer information and assistance on wildfire prevention.

To obtain a burn permit or to ask questions about forestry-related burning, contact the DNR regional office that serves your area. For recorded information about burning restrictions, call 800-323-2876. To report a forest fire, call 800-565-6010.

DNR Webster Forest Nursery

The DNR Webster Forest Nursery, located south of Olympia, offers tree seedlings for sale to landowners. This nursery grows seedlings for a variety of zones and elevations throughout the state of Washington. Seedling orders are typically accepted at the beginning of September for planting the following spring. For more information, contact the nursery at 360-902-1234 or 877-890-2626.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a federal agency within the USDA. Formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service, NRCS works to conserve natural resources on private lands by providing technical and financial assistance to farmers, forest owners, and others. To learn more about NRCS programs in Washington, visit <http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

Cost-Share Programs

The NRCS administers a variety of cost-share programs. These programs provide a type of financial assistance in which the government enters into an agreement with a private landowner to pay a portion of the cost to complete a conservation project on private land. This allows landowners to implement projects that would otherwise be cost prohibitive. Some types of projects that could potentially be eligible for a cost share include road improvements that reduce sediment, fuel-reduction treatments that reduce wildfire risk, and planting of riparian buffer strips.

Cost-share programs are typically established by Congress as part of federal "Farm Bill" legislation. Historically these programs have been geared to agricultural producers, but there have been increasing opportunities for forest owners. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a current example of a cost-share program that offers many opportunities for forest owners.

To find out about current cost-share opportunities, eligibility requirements, and application procedures and deadlines, contact your nearest NRCS office (see directory or government listings in your local telephone book). Conservation districts can also provide information on cost-share programs, since they work closely with the NRCS and are often located in the same building.

Soil Information

The USDA NRCS is the premier source for soil information, such as soil type, physical and chemical properties, drainage characteristics, land-use suitability, forest and agricultural productivity, and much more. Historically this information was published by county in soil survey books. These books are no longer updated, since the information is now made available online cost free through the NRCS Web Soil Survey at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

For assistance in using the Web Soil Survey to get soil information, contact your local NRCS office, DNR stewardship forester, or WSU Extension forestry educator. WSU Extension also has how-to guides for using the web soil survey available.

Conservation Districts

Conservation districts are local special purpose districts (other examples of special purpose districts include hospital, fire, and school districts). Similar to and often working in partnership with the NRCS, conservation districts provide technical and financial assistance to encourage conservation on private land. Conservation districts sometimes have local cost-share opportunities in addition to broader federal programs. Some conservation districts in Washington have staff foresters who are available to provide no-cost technical assistance to landowners, including site visits and assistance in developing forest management plans.

Conservation districts typically hold native plant and tree sales each year in late winter or early spring. These sales are excellent sources for tree seedlings and native plants that are appropriate for use in reforestation or restoration projects in local areas. Contact your local conservation district for information on upcoming sales and any pre-order requirements. Your local conservation district can also help you select appropriate plant and tree species and stock types for your specific site and project needs.

There are 47 conservation districts in Washington. Almost all conservation districts follow county boundaries. To find your local conservation district, go to the directory or check the government listings in your local telephone book. You can also learn more about conservation districts in Washington by going online at <http://www.wacd.org/>.

Forest Tax Assistance

Current-Use Taxation

Washington, like many states, allows for what is called current-use taxation (CUT), which means that land can be taxed at its value for forestry use rather than for “highest and best use” (HBU) (such as development, etc.). Forestland values are set by the Washington Department of Revenue (DOR) and adjusted each year using a formula established by state law. These values are variable and are based on the productivity and accessibility of the land. Under CUT, the assessed value of forestland is typically in the range of \$300–\$500 per acre or sometimes less depending on the quality and accessibility of the property. Switching from standard taxation to CUT can reduce your property taxes by 98% or more.

There are two types of forestland classifications for CUT. The designated forestland classification is for timber tracts that are greater than 20 acres. Open-space timber is the classification for forest tracts greater than 5 acres. The two classifications function similarly, but there are slight differences in the rules and how they are processed by the county. These classifications require that land be used for the growth and harvest of timber, and there are penalties for later removing land from these classifications. An approved forest management plan may be an enrollment requirement. Consider your options carefully, and seek professional advice to determine if CUT is right for you.

Designated forestland and open space timber are state programs, but application is made through your local County Assessor’s office. Some counties in Washington have an additional county-specific option called the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRs). PBRs awards points for environmental features of your property, and these points add up to tax savings. This is another option for smaller properties or properties not managed for growth and harvest of timber. Contact the County Assessor’s office serving the county in which your property is located for more information on the CUT program, its eligibility requirements, and the application procedures and deadlines.

Washington Department of Revenue

If you sell timber from your property, you may be liable for the Washington forest excise tax, depending on how your sales transaction is handled. The DOR has professional foresters on staff to assist you with this and other state forest-tax issues. Contact the DOR district office serving your area (see Sidebar 4) to obtain forest tax assistance. The DOR also has forest tax information, including a complete tutorial on filing a Forest Excise-Tax Return, visit their website at <http://dor.wa.gov/content/findtaxesandrates/othertaxes/timber/default.aspx>.

Federal Income Tax

Federal income tax may be owed on harvested timber revenues. How federal income taxes apply to timber

Sidebar 4: DOR District Office Contacts

Everett District Office
9930 Evergreen Way Ste Y-150
Everett WA 98204-3893
425-356-4847
Chelan, Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties

Olympia District Office
1025 Union Ave SE Ste 102
Olympia WA 98501-1539
360-570-3203 or 800-548-8829
Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, and Thurston counties

Spokane District Office
1330 N Washington St Ste 5600
Spokane WA 99201-2456
509-937-4100
Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties

Tacoma District Office
3315 S 23rd St Ste 300
Tacoma WA 98504-1605
253-382-2180
Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Kittitas, Mason, and Pierce counties

Vancouver District Office
8008 NE Fourth Plain Blvd Ste 320
Vancouver WA 98662-7251
Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania, Wahkiakum, and Yakima counties

Department of Revenue Timber Tax Program, contact 800-548-8829

income is complex, subject to tax law changes, and specific to each individual’s situation. Consequently, you may wish to seek advice from your tax professional or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Another available educational resource is the National Timber Tax website at <http://www.timbertax.org/>. This website is a comprehensive clearinghouse for federal and state tax information specifically for timberland owners.

Private Forestry Assistance

In many cases, you will need to hire a private consultant for assistance, especially when it comes to functions like timber harvesting on your property.¹

Arborists

A professional arborist can assist you with individual trees, such as trees in your yard, trees in an urban setting, and

¹ The private organizations and retailers listed in this section are for informational and educational purposes only and do not imply endorsement by Washington State University.

ornamental trees. Services provided by arborists include hazard tree assessment, individual tree health assessment, tree trimming, and tree removal. Arborists who have been certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) have met professional standards of knowledge and continuing education. You can find arborists in your local telephone book, and the ISA maintains an online directory of certified arborists at <http://www.isa-arbor.com/faca/findArborist.aspx>.

Consulting Foresters

Hiring a professional consulting forester is highly recommended when selling timber. A consulting forester serves as your advocate by negotiating the best price for your timber, facilitating the permit and preparation process, verifying property boundaries, working with the logger and other contractors, and ensuring that the entire sale process goes smoothly and meets your objectives. Other services provided by consulting foresters include management plan preparation, forest inventory (timber cruising), and timber or forestland appraisal.

There are several ways to locate a consulting forester:

- WSU Extension maintains a limited directory of consulting foresters around the state. Contact your local WSU Extension forestry educator, or visit <http://ext.nrs.wsu.edu/publications/forestry/consultingdirectory.htm>.
- The Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) maintains a directory of members at <http://www.acf-foresters.org/>, or call 888-540-8733.
- The Society of American Foresters (SAF) maintains a directory of certified foresters (CF) at <http://eforester.org/certifiedforester/findcertifiedforester.cfm>. Foresters who have been certified by SAF have met specific professional standards of knowledge, education, and experience.

Loggers

Working with a skilled and knowledgeable logger is invaluable when cutting trees on your property, whether for wood production, habitat enhancement, or forest health improvement. You may wish to seek assistance from a consulting forester in hiring an experienced and reputable logging company that will best meet your needs.

Forestry Suppliers

As a forest landowner, you may need specialized equipment, supplies, and tools that are not available from a typical hardware store; however, you may find forestry supplies at your local saw shop. There are also several internet and catalog forestry supply retailers that offer a large selection of specialized forestry goods:

- Bailey, Inc.—800-322-4539 or <http://www.baileyonline.com/>
- Ben Meadows Company—800-241-6401 or <http://www.benmeadows.com/>
- Forestry Suppliers, Inc.—800-647-5368 or <http://www.forestry-suppliers.com/>
- Pacforest Forestry Supply Company—877-736-5995 or <http://www.pacforestsupply.com/>

Landowner Associations

Your fellow landowners can be an excellent source of knowledge and practical experience. Landowner associations provide an opportunity to connect with other landowners, share ideas, and explore similar interests.

Washington Farm Forestry Association

The Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA) is a statewide association of small forest landowners with local chapters throughout the state. WFFA hosts an annual meeting, and local chapters host tree farm tours and other events. WFFA members receive the *Northwest Woodlands* magazine.

For more information contact:

Washington Farm Forestry Association
PO Box 1010
Chehalis WA 98532-0130
360-736-5750
info@wafarmforestry.com
<http://www.wafarmforestry.com/>

National Woodland Owners Association

The National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA) is a nationwide association of small forest landowners with offices in the Washington, DC, area. NWOA is affiliated with state associations like WFFA as part of a nationwide network called the Alliance of Landowner Associations. NWOA members receive the *National Woodlands* magazine.

For more information contact:

National Woodland Owners Association
374 Maple Ave E Ste 210
Vienna VA 22180-4718
800-476-8733
<http://www.nwoa.net/>

Christmas Tree Associations

If you grow Christmas trees on your property, you may be interested in a Christmas tree association. There are local, regional, and national associations.

Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association
PO Box 3366
Salem OR 97302-0366
503-364-2942
<http://www.nwtrees.com/>

National Christmas Tree Association
16020 Swingley Ridge Rd Ste 300
Chesterfield MO 63017-2085
636-449-5070
<http://www.christmastree.org/>
Inland Empire Christmas Tree Association
<http://www.iecta.org>

Puget Sound Christmas Tree Association
<http://www.pscta.org>

Other Sources of Assistance

There are other public agencies, local governments, interest groups, and nonprofit organizations that offer consulting services to forest landowners. These organizations can be valuable resources; however, be aware that in some cases their expertise or objectives may not be the best fit for your needs and objectives as a landowner. You may want to ask these organizations what their organizational mission is, what fees or commitments are associated with their services, and whether they have a trained professional forester on staff (i.e., one who has graduated from an accredited forestry college).

Quick Reference Guide

General forestry information:

- WSU Extension forestry educator (p. 2)
- DNR stewardship forester (p. 3)

Forestry classes, workshops, publications, and other educational resources:

- WSU Extension (p. 1)

Site visits:

- DNR stewardship forester (p. 3)
- Local conservation district (see directory)

Wildlife:

- DNR stewardship forester (p. 3)
- DNR wildlife biologist (p. 3)

Forest health:

- DNR stewardship forester (p. 3)
- WSU Extension forestry educator (p. 2)

Special (non-timber) forest products:

- WSU Extension special forest products specialist (p. 2)
- DNR stewardship forester (p. 3)

Forest management plan preparation:

- WSU Extension Coached Planning Program (p. 1)
- Consulting forester (p. 7)

Hazard tree assessment:

- Professional arborist (p. 6)

Yard or landscape trees in non-forestry settings:

- Local WSU Extension office (ask for horticulture or Master Gardeners)
- Professional arborist (p. 6)

Timber sales:

- Consulting forester (p. 7)

State forestry regulations/permitting:

- DNR regional office (p. 4)
- DNR Small Forest Landowner office (p. 4)
- Consulting forester (p. 7)

EQIP and other federal cost-share programs:

- Local NRCS office (directory)
- Local conservation district (directory)

FFFPP, FREP, and other state cost-share programs:

- DNR Small Forest Landowner office (p. 4)

Tree seedlings and native plants:

- Local conservation district (directory)
- DNR Webster nursery (p. 5)

Current-Use Tax (Open Space, PBRS, etc.):

- Local county assessor (under government listings in your local phone book)
- WA Department of Revenue (DOR) (p. 6)

Forest Excise Tax:

- WA Department of Revenue (DOR) (p. 6)

Directory of WSU Extension Offices, Conservation Districts, and Natural Resources Conservation Service Centers, by county

Adams

WSU Extension Adams County
210 W Broadway Ave
Ritzville WA 99169-1894
509-659-3209
<http://lincoln-adams.wsu.edu/>

USDA-NRCS Ritzville Service Center
506 Weber Ave
Ritzville WA 99169-2118
509-659-1761

Asotin

WSU Extension Asotin County
135 2nd St Room B107
PO Box 9
Asotin WA 99402-0009
<http://county.wsu.edu/asotin/>

Asotin County Conservation District
720 6th St Ste B
Clarkston WA 99403-2012
509-758-8012

USDA-NRCS Clarkston Service Center
720 6th St Ste B
Clarkston WA 99403-2012
509-758-8012

Benton

WSU Extension Benton County
5600-E W Canal Dr
Kennewick WA 99336-1387
509-735-3551
<http://benton-franklin.wsu.edu/>

Benton Conservation District
415 Wine Country Rd
Prosser WA 99350-9555
509-786-1923
<http://www.bentoncd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Prosser Service Center
415 Wine Country Rd
Prosser WA 99350-9555
509-786-1923

Chelan

WSU Extension Chelan County
400 Washington St
Wenatchee WA 98801
509-667-6540
<http://www.ncw.wsu.edu/>

Cascadia Conservation District
215 Melody Ln
Wenatchee WA 98801
509-664-9370
<http://www.cascadiacd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Wenatchee Service Center
215 Melody Ln
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Clallam

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