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Forest Owners Winter School Slated at WSU Vancouver

Vancouver, WA – WSU Extension and Clark County invite family owners of private forestland in Washington to Forest Owners Winter School to learn how to keep their forests safe and healthy. Participants may attend up to six different expert presentations, choosing from more than a dozen topics, such as: common tree and shrub identification, wildlife habitat, chainsaw safety and maintenance, common forest insect and diseases, growing and tending forests, protecting your home and forest from fire, and thinning and pruning trees. There will also be a resource area featuring equipment exhibitors, vendors, and public, private, and nonprofit organizations who provide assistance to landowners.

Owners of forestland located in Eastern Washington and living in the Portland-Vancouver Metro area are especially encouraged to attend. Some 215,000 families in Washington own more than half of the state's private working forestland.

Forest Owners Winter School

Saturday, December 5, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (gates open at 8:00 AM)

WSU Vancouver campus

14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave., Vancouver, WA 98686

Advance registration received by November 29: \$20 per person and \$30 per family. Registration at the door: \$30 per person and \$40 per family.

Registration includes materials and refreshments. Box lunches available for an additional \$10 each, must be pre-purchased by November 29. Print the registration form available at <http://forestry.wsu.edu>, or contact WSU Extension at 509-667-6540. For program questions, contact Andy Perleberg, WSU Extension Forester, at 509-630-4217 or andyp@wsu.edu.

Jim Vandling, Clark County Forester, says, "The Winter School offers our private forest landowners a great opportunity to ask questions of natural resource professionals and gain more benefits from their family forest lands."

WSU Extension, the Washington Dept. of Natural Resources, the Family Forest Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service, the WA Farm Forestry Association, and the Washington Tree Farm Program are sponsors of the Forest Owners Winter School.

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