



Small Forest Landowner Assistance in Western Washington

Assisting Washington’s Family Forest Owners

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Stewardship Program helps family forest owners manage and care for their lands. This program is about helping you steward your land in a way that meets your objectives. The Forest Stewardship Program provides landowner assistance foresters who will offer on-site forest management consultation. **Boyd Norton** and **Julie Sackett** are currently providing technical assistance to forest landowners in Western Washington. Ken Bevis is providing wildlife management assistance to forest landowners statewide



Through this non-regulatory program landowners can receive assistance on many aspects of forest management, resource protection, wildlife management, animal damage control, and guidance to develop a Forest Stewardship Plan. A Forest Stewardship Plan will help you meet your objectives to improve forest health, identify timber and other forest products, and reduce wildfire threats. Learn if you qualify for programs to reduce taxes, access financial assistance, and get recognition for your stewardship.

Our Foresters and Wildlife Biologist also help with a number of workshops and speak to various groups about forest and wildlife management and programs. As part of

our assistance to forest landowners we explain the cost share and incentive programs that may apply to their forest. These include Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP), Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP), Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program (RHOSP) and the Environment Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). While assisting you with your forest management we can offer some limited help with Forest Practices Applications, Long-term Forest Practices Applications, and Alternate Plans.

Forest landowners owning ten or more acres are eligible for an advisory on-site visit by a forester or our wildlife biologist. Owners of smaller acreages can receive consultation from DNR by telephone or email. Another valuable resource is the *Backyard Forest Stewardship* publication that can be found online at: www.dnr.wa.gov/sflo under the Forest Stewardship Program.

Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Courses are offered by Washington State University Extension and DNR. In this multi session class forest landowners learn about the stewardship of their land and receive “coaching” from natural resources professionals to write their own plan. These classes are offered at many locations and occasionally online. In addition Forest Landowner field days, workshops and other classes are offered throughout the year. For more information visit: www.forestry.wsu.edu

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Western Washington Landowner Assistance Forester's Service Areas:

