

Small Forest Landowner Stewardship Assistance in Western Washington

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We are very pleased to welcome Mike Nystrom back to the Westside providing Small Landowner Technical assistance throughout all of DNR's western Washington regions. Mike and Jim Bottorff are currently the DNR small landowner specialists providing onsite technical assistance to forest landowners. Jim Bottorff is the Forest Stewardship Wildlife Biologist available to provide non-regulatory wildlife habitat management and animal damage control assistance to landowners statewide. The primary focus of Mike's position is to provide technical assistance and support educational programs for small forest landowners, including the Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Classes. Because of our limited resources we have had to prioritize the technical assistance Mike will provide. Below are a couple limitations:

- Landowners owning less than 10 acres will normally not have a site visit but Mike can offer telephone or e-mail consultation. Landowners with less than 10 acres can find helpful "Backyard Forest Stewardship" information at the WSU Forestry Extension website: ext.wsu.edu/forestry.
- Landowner requests from Grays Harbor County should be referred to Conservation District Forester, Theresa Marquardt, at (360) 249-5900 Ext. #106 theresa.marquardt@conserveva.net who provides assistance comparable to ours.
- Landowners who request assistance on forest practice applications should contact our forest practices staff. If a landowner requests help with alternate plans, long-term Forest Practices Applications to the extent possible, Mike will attempt to provide limited help with these products and issues.

Assistance available:

- ❖ Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Courses and associated site visits (landowners with less 10 acres will be visited if part of a WSU class)
- ❖ Assist landowners to develop stewardship plans for their property (not "tax plans").
- ❖ Provide on-site technical assistance to small forest landowners to small forest landowners regarding all assistance programs.
- ❖ Work with Forest Stewardship Program Wildlife Biologist
- ❖ Explain cost share and incentive programs such as: FREP, FFFPP, EQIP and Riparian Open Space Program
- ❖ Speak to WFFA and other groups on technical forestry and other forest or natural resources topics.
- ❖ In cooperation with WSU Extension, teach forestry classes, workshops and at field days.
- ❖ Assistance with long term forest practice applications, alternate plans and forest practices applications

Landowners and Region staff can contact Mike and Jim at the phone numbers or e-mail shown below.

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