



PRESENT:

MANAGING BIODIVERSITY ON SMALL FORESTLANDS



Small forest landowners in Washington State manage some of the most biologically rich forests in North America. Along with timber production, many landowners also manage for plant and wildlife diversity. This workshop will explore strategies for conserving and enhancing biodiversity on small forestlands and the tools and information landowners need to maintain healthy forests.

After a morning of short presentations, participants will tour two private tree farms in the Chehalis valley that have implemented habitat enhancement practices funded by federal cost-share programs.

Topics will include:

- Identifying sensitive habitat types
- Managing for diversity in young stands
- Maximizing plant biodiversity in managed stands
- Creating snags and enhancing bird habitat
- Enhancing forage for wildlife
- Mixed species silviculture
- Scheduling timber harvests to benefit wildlife
- Information resources
- Financial assistance programs

This workshop will provide useful information for all owners of small forestlands including family forest owners, land trusts, non-profit conservation groups, municipalities, small business, and others.

DATE: Saturday, April 22, 2006

LOCATION: Wild Thyme Farm, Oakville, WA (directions on reverse side)

COST: \$35/person or \$60/family

MORE INFO: For more information, contact:
Kirk Hanson, 360-316-9317, kirk@nnrg.org

LUNCH: Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required as space is limited to 25 participants. To register, please use the form on the reverse side.

Presenters:

Jim Bottorff
Wildlife Biologist,
DNR Stewardship Program

Joe Arnett
Rare Plant Biologist,
DNR Natural Heritage Program

Janet Strong
Grays Harbor Audubon Society

Kirk Hanson
Development Director
NW Natural Resource Group

Agenda:

9:00 - Introduction
9:15 - Managing Forests for
Plant Diversity
10:00 - Managing Forests for
Wildlife Diversity
11:00 - Break
11:15 - Managing Forests for
Bird Diversity
12:00 - Lunch
12:30 - Financial Assistance
Programs
1:15 - Field tours
5:00 - Adjourn

Northwest Certified Forestry (NCF) is a membership-based program that provides affordable forest certification and marketing services to landowners. NCF is a program of the Northwest Natural Resource Group (NNRG), a non-profit organization that promotes innovative forest management strategies that support the health of forest and freshwater ecosystems while enhancing economic development in rural communities. See www.nnrq.org for more information.

The Washington Biodiversity Council was created to develop and promote effective ways to conserve, steward, and restore Washington's stunning biological diversity. It was established by Gov. Locke in 2004 and is working to chart a new and comprehensive approach to conservation. See www.iac.wa.gov/biodiversity/ for more information.

Speaker Profiles:



Jim Bottorff

Jim Bottorff has worked as a professional wildlife biologist for more than 30 years; with the past 25 in the Pacific Northwest. His work has included wildlife surveys and inventories, habitat identification and enhancement, and animal damage control for the federal and state governments, timber companies, and private landowners. He was in charge of the US Fish and Wildlife Service endangered species program for the Pacific Northwest states for several years and for the past ten has been the statewide wildlife biologist for the Forest Stewardship Program administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Jim owns and manages forestland in Mason/Grays Harbor counties.



Joe Arnett

Joe Arnett has worked as a professional botanist throughout Washington, and elsewhere in the country, for over 20 years. His work has included floristic inventories, rare plant surveys and conservation planning, vegetation analysis, wetland delineation, and mitigation planning and monitoring. He has also taught through community colleges, the North Cascades Institute, the Washington Native Plant Society, and Bastyr University. He is serving in 2006 as the state rare plant botanist for the Washington Natural Heritage Program in the Department of Natural Resources.



Kirk Hanson

Kirk is a small forest landowner with a 30-acre tree farm near Oakville, Washington where he manages a regenerating forest and develops experimental agroforestry systems. Kirk has worked on strategies for combining rural economic development with environmental enhancement in the Pacific Northwest for over 10 years. Kirk is currently the Development Director for the Northwest Natural Resource Group and the public outreach coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources Small Forest Landowner Office.

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Janet Strong

A long-time member of the Audubon Society, Janet is a founding member of the Grays Harbor Audubon Society. Professionally, she is a biologist who worked under the Timber, Fish and Wildlife Agreement for 12 years as an employee of the Washington Environmental Council, then the WA Department of Ecology and, finally, the Nisqually Indian Tribe. Retired now, she is President of the Chehalis River Basin Land Trust whose current major project has been the restoration of one-mile of riparian zone along the Chehalis River. She owns several parcels of forest and wetland and tries to manage them for the sake of birds and other wildlife.

Directions:

Site address for Wild Thyme Farm: 72 Mattson Road, Oakville, WA

From I-5, take exit 88 (Oakville/Rochester) and head West on Highway 12 to the town of Oakville. In Oakville, turn south on State street (at the Post Office). State street becomes South Bank Road. Cross the Chehalis River and take an immediate left onto Garrard Creek Road. Go one mile and turn left again onto Mattson Road. Go 1/2 mile and the Wild Thyme Farm is on the right.

If lost, call: 360-316-9317

What to bring:

Bag lunch, sturdy walking shoes, all-weather clothing, camera, notebook, water bottle, snacks, directions to the site, a family member or friend!

Registration Form for Biodiversity Workshop

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

attending: _____ x\$35 = \$ _____ or # in family: _____ @ \$60

To register, mail payment to:
NNRG, PO Box 1067, Port Townsend, WA 98368