

Electronic Tools from GPS to Websites

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First Things First – Resources Needed

- **Time & Interest to Learn and Utilize Technology**
- **Reasonably New Computer - < \$ 800**
- **Internet Access – Dialup, DSL, Cable Modem
- \$ 100 to \$ 500/ yr**

Additional Tools to Consider

- **Handheld GPS - \$300 to 500**
- **Topographic/Destination Mapping Software - \$100**
- **Digital Camera - < \$200**
- **Color Printer - < \$200**
- **Small Business Software - \$250**

What Use is All of This?

- **Forest Stewardship Planning**
- **Business Record Keeping**
- **Research and Diagnostics**
- **Resource Inventory and Mapping**
- **Continuing Education/Learning**

What's on the Web?

Research-Based Information & Learning

- **RTI – Forest Modeling Software (free)**
- **RTI – On-demand Streaming Video Library on on topics from Forest Stewardship to making wine**

Technical Assistance and Information from state and federal agencies, farm forestry associations and retailers.

Examples

- **County Parcel Records, Maps & Photos**
- **Google Earth – Explore, Search & Discover**
earth.google.com/
- **Download Publications – Silvics of North America**
www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/silvics_manual/
- **DNR Forest Stewardship Program**
<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/rp/steward.htm/>

Global Position System (GPS)

- **Latitude and Longitude**
- **Handhelds are great out in the open**
- **Not so great under heavy canopy**
- **Great for mapping and permanent plots**
- **Idea to have added memory potential**
- **Topographic map software useful**

When All Else Fails!

**Go with what
you know**

