

## Forest Management Plan Writing Competency Training, Spring Schedule

There is a demand for natural resource professionals to assist landowners with forest management planning, as well as an observed deficiency in the capacity of Technical Service Providers (TSPs) to prepare satisfactory forest management plans which meet the requirements of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in order for landowners to be eligible for funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Furthermore, there are a variety of management plans required by state and federal agencies, complicating landowner and forestry practitioners grasp of the required plan elements. This training will help you avoid common errors and omissions which stall the process of your client being successfully enrolled and funded for EQIP-supported activities. This training will also empower you to write plans that satisfy conditions for additional programs that benefit landowners. And this training is “free!” Read on...

WSU Extension, in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the NRCS, and other partners, has developed a curriculum to improve the ability of TSPs and natural resource professionals aspiring to become TSPs to write a comprehensive forest management plan. This plan template, called the **Washington State Integrated Forest Management Plan Guidelines**, creates a “one-stop-shopping” opportunity for landowners, and serves as a:

- Conservation Activity Plan (CAP); management plans are now a funded NRCS conservation practice!
- Forest Stewardship Plan for the DNR
- Tree Farm Management Plan, for certification consideration by the American Tree Farm System
- Timber Management Plan for current use property taxation

These guidelines are intended to help landowners simultaneously meet the written management plan requirements of several programs administered by different agencies and organizations. This class will not qualify you to be a TSP, but it will introduce you to the steps required to become a TSP as well as provide you with the information necessary to write a complete and acceptable Forest Management Plan. Open to the first 30 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

The course is open to natural resource professionals at no cost. However, you must be a current forestry TSP or intend to become a forestry TSP after completing the class. The course includes the WSU Extension **Forest Stewardship Planning Handbook** valued at \$75, a large binder containing a wealth of information on forest planning, laws and taxes, forest management, forest health, products and marketing, harvesting, soil and water, wildlife, range and grazing. Bring your own lunch. **This training is made possible by a Conservation Innovations Grant from the NRCS.**

**Spring Schedule 10am-3pm:** 3/15 Wenatchee; 3/29 Colville; 4/5 Longview; 5/18 Asotin; 5/24 Mt. Vernon; 5/31 Chehalis

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