



Washington Tree Farmer Announcements - September 2010

Fall Forestry Seminar - October 9, 2010, Chehalis *Seedling Management & Economics for the Tree Farmer*

It isn't too late to register -- but you need to do it soon! By September 30

This educational seminar will cover a diverse range of topics that should provide something of interest to everyone. Subjects covered will include:

- Three basic herbicides and application procedures;
- Cedar, valley ponderosa pine and alder;
- Financial consequences of stand management decisions;
- Forest land investment;
- Log market outlook.

Registration forms and further information can be obtained under [Events](#) on the Washington Tree Farm Program website or by calling Donna Loucks at 360-736-2147 or the Washington Tree Farm Program at 360-736-5750.

Cost for individual Certified American Tree Farm Members or Tree Farm Inspectors is \$70 (\$105 with spouse). For other individual adults the cost is \$80 (\$120 with spouse). Cost for students or children is \$50. Price includes coffee, snacks, and a hot lunch. The seminar has been approved for 5 SAF CFE credits and 6 Master Logger credits.

The location for the seminar is the Veterans Memorial Museum, 100 SW Veterans Way in Chehalis. Driving directions are included on the registration form.

Estate Tax Update

If a new estate tax law isn't passed by the end of the year, then taxes return to the 2001 level -- 55 percent on all estates valued over \$1 million.

Senators Diane Feinstein (D-CA) and Mike Crapo (R-ID) have introduced S 3664, Family Farm Estate Tax Deferral Act of 2010. This bill is similar to the H.R. 5475, introduced in the House by Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA). It removes the estate tax

burden on family-owned forests, if the land stays in the family and is managed sustainably.

Visit the American Forest Foundation Action Alert [website](#) to learn more about this bill and to urge your Senator to co-sponsor it. At this point, **neither** Washington Senator has chosen to co-sponsor this bill. Messages from voters can make a difference! You can write a letter or you can send an e-mail very easily and quickly through the American Forest Foundation website.

If you have a question or comments, please contact:

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