

Forest Stewardship Coached Planning - Fall 2009

Class 3 Agenda – October 6th

REVIEW/QUESTIONS 6:30 - 6:45

Kevin Zobrist (WSU Extension Forester)

FOREST HEALTH (Part I) 6:45 - 7:55

Amy Kroll (Forest Health Specialist – WA DNR)

- What insects, diseases, and abiotic factors affect forest health?
- What management techniques can be used to enhance overall forest health and minimize these impacts?

BREAK 7:55 - 8:05

FOREST HEALTH (Part II) 8:05 - 9:20

Amy Kroll (Forest Health Specialist – WA DNR)

HOMEWORK PREVIEW 9:20 - 9:30

Handouts:

Forest Health materials from speaker.



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Recommended Reading:

1. Browse the Wildlife section of your notebook, focusing particularly on *Coastal Douglas-fir Forests and Wildlife*.
2. Look through *Thinning Douglas-fir west of the Cascades for Timber and Wildlife* (Forest Management section of the notebook).

Recommended Activities:

1. Take another walk through your property and this time look at each stand from a forest health perspective. Make note of the following types of things (and your assessment of their severity):
 - Dense, crowded areas where trees are likely under stress
 - Areas of blow-down or a significant number of fallen trees—note things like how many trees are down and what species, whether the trees all fell in the same direction or randomly, where the tree failed (stem snapped, roots snapped, uprooted, etc.).
 - Areas of damaged tops (from wind, snow, or ice)
 - Other signs of forest health issues (insect evidence, disease evidence, animal damage, dwarf mistletoe, etc.)
2. Start drafting the forest health section of your plan (see sample plans for examples). You can use pages 15-21 in the Workbook as a guide to help you organize the issues. Try to identify what you feel are any priority issues and what steps you would like to take to address them.

Connect Online - Using your home computer or a computer at your local library:

1. Browse the following sections of the Forest Stewardship Resources webpage. Pick a specific insect and/or disease to read about in more detail.
 - Animal Damage: <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/resources.htm#animal>
 - Forest Diseases: <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/resources.htm#disease>
 - Forest Insects: <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/resources.htm#insect>