

Forest Stewardship Coached Planning - Fall 2009

Class 4 Agenda – October 13

REVIEW/QUESTIONS/PROGRAM UPDATE 6:30 - 6:50
Kevin Zobrist (WSU Extension Forester)

MANAGING FORESTS FOR WILDLIFE (Part I) 6:50 - 7:55
Jim Bottorff (Stewardship Wildlife Biologist, WA DNR)

- What species of wildlife are found in Puget Sound forests?
- What are their habitat needs and how can you maintain or enhance their habitat?

BREAK 7:55 - 8:05

MANAGING FORESTS FOR WILDLIFE (Part II) 8:05 - 9:20
Jim Bottorff (Stewardship Wildlife Biologist, WA DNR)

HOMEWORK PREVIEW 9:20 - 9:30

Handouts:

Wildlife materials in your notebook and from the speaker.



Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

Recommended Reading:

- Read *Keeping your forest soils healthy and productive* (Soil and Water section of the notebook).

Recommended Activities:

- Take a look at the different stands you identified in Week 2. Make note of the following:
 - Sensitive areas for wildlife (e.g. riparian areas)
 - Existing features that provide habitat for wildlife in each stand (e.g. snags, downed wood, gaps/edges, understory vegetation, water, mast-producing trees and shrubs, etc.).
 - Areas where wildlife habitat may be lacking (e.g. dark, dense forest with little understory, lack of dead wood, etc.).
 - Evidence of wildlife presence (sightings, nests, cavities, tracks, etc.). Also think about species that you know of from experience that use your property. You can also make a general list of species that use area forests – look at the sample plans for some examples (and you can pull from that text).
 - Any areas of potential animal damage
- Outline some activities you would like to undertake to enhance wildlife habitat on your property. You can use the reading and exercise on pages 33-38 of the Workbook to help with ideas.
- Use the information above to start sketching out a rough draft of the wildlife section of your plan (use the sample plans as a guide). Keep in mind that you may have some “holes” in this section that you won’t be able to fill in until after your site visit and/or the field day. We will provide information on any potential threatened or endangered species on your property later in the course (note: issues with these are not common).

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

- Browse the following sections of the Forest Stewardship Resources webpage, and familiarize yourself in depth with at least one species of wildlife (preferably one that is present on your property).
 - Animal Damage: <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/resources.htm#animal>
 - Birds: <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/resources.htm#birds>
 - Wildlife: <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/resources.htm#wildlife>