

# Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Preston - Fall 2009

## Class 5 Agenda – October 20, 2009

**REVIEW/QUESTIONS** **6:30 - 6:45**  
*Ginny Ballard (WSU Extension Environmental Stewardship)*

**FOREST SOILS** **6:45 - 7:45**  
*Dave Peterson (USFS/UW)*

- How do soil types differ?
- How can you learn about the forest soils are on your property?
- The importance of protecting forest soils and techniques for doing so.
- What information regarding soils is needed for a Forest Stewardship Plan?

**BREAK** **7:45 - 8:00**

**WESTERN WA FIRE ECOLOGY** **8:00 - 8:30**  
*Peterson*

- Fire regimes in western Washington and ecological roles.

**FIREWISE** **8:30 - 9:10**  
*Kristi McClelland (KC DNR)*

- How might a wildfire impact you?
- What can you do to protect your property before a wildfire occurs?

**HOMEWORK AND FIELD DAY PREVIEW** **9:10 - 9:30**



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### RECOMMENDED READING:

- In the Forest Management section of your notebook, look through:
  - Silviculture for Washington Family Forests
  - Thinning: An Important Timber Management Tool
  - Conifer Pruning Basics

### RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES:

- Using your soils map and information from the Web Soil Survey (accessed from your home computer or your local library at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>):
  - Find your property and start exploring the soil characteristics
  - Generate your own customized soil report (i.e. put stuff you want in your “shopping cart” as you browse and then print the report at the end) being sure to include pertinent information about forestland productivity, operability, hazards, etc.
  - Identify other soil-related areas of concern (e.g. unstable slopes).
  - Match up the soils map with your stand map to see what soil(s) occur in what stand(s).
  - Use the information above to draft the soils section of your stewardship plan, focusing both on the potential for your soils and also how you will protect them.
- Round out the Forest Health section of your plan with any fire hazard reduction recommendations you wish to incorporate.

### CONNECT ONLINE:

- Using your home computer or a computer at your local library, browse the following sections of the Forest Stewardship Resources webpage:
  - Fire: <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/resources.htm#fire>
  - Soils: <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/resources.htm#soil>
- Look through the Virtual Cruiser Vest web learning module (<http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/projects.htm#cruiservest>) – pay particular attention to Lessons 2, 3, 4, and 6.