OVERVIEW

The Mid-Columbia Chapter of WSSAF invites you to join us for two-and-a-half days of field tours, dynamic programs, networking time, and recognition of colleagues. The Washington State Society of American Foresters annual meeting will focus on Shared Stewardship.

The meeting will feature demonstrative engagements that illustrate federal, state, tribal, and private landscape-scale approaches resolving forest health and wildfire hazard risk problems. The “cross-boundary-centric” agenda features coordinated investments and outcome-based actions that have increased the pace and scale of management treatments near Leavenworth and Lake Wenatchee—areas prioritized by the Washington State Forest Action Plan and the Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest Restoration Strategy—that are at a scale sufficiently meaningful to make a dent, and are conceptually transferrable benefiting other trans-boundary collaborations.

DAILY AGENDA

The meeting opens in late afternoon on April 6 with an evening icebreaker, and Foresters’ Fund and WSSAF Foundation raffle.

Tuesday, April 7, will include a morning general session featuring Vicki Christiansen, Chief, US Forest Service, and George Geissler, State Forester, and others as they set the stage for the meeting. After lunch, attendees will travel by van to Lake Wenatchee to view the Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project. The day winds down back at the Enzian with an awards celebration and talk by noted author Jack Nisbet.

Wednesday, April 8, begins with an indoor talk and panel discussing the role of partners in sharing stewardship. The group then takes to the field for lunch at Red-Tail Canyon Farm with a talk by family forest owners Ross and Marianne Frank. The next stop will be to Chumstick Project Sunitch/Spromberg Canyon to view nearby Leavenworth projects.

QUESTIONS?
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