



Washington SIC Project Impact Report

Project or event name and date:

Forest Owners Field Day, Cle Elum, WA, June 21, 2025

Describe project or event activities:

The Field Day is an “out in the woods” experience for people who own and manage forest land, typically 5 – 5,000 acres. Because small forest owners have diverse values and manage land for multiple objectives, this event provides a spectrum of topics that results in more good forest stewardship on the ground. The most popular topics include forest thinning, forest health, wildlife habitat, managing a successful timber sale, and wildfire hazard mitigation. In June of 2025, topics featured at the Field Day were:

- Small-Scale Forestry Demonstrations (self-loader log truck with innovative winch extending from log grapple; tractors and implements; power and hand tools, and; small-scale yarding machinery).
- Bark Beetles and Defoliators
- Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance (2hrs)
- Common Noxious Weeds and Their Control
- Critter-Cams: Seeing Wildlife with Trail Cameras
- Forest and Rangeland Security and Safety
- Forest Health
- Forest Wildlife and Their Habitats
- Landowner Assistance Programs
- Pile Burning Tips, Tricks, and Rules
- Protecting Your Forest and Home from Wildfire
- Realities of Selling Timber: Working with Consulting Foresters: Forest Management Plans
- Regulatory Issues and Assistance
- Root Rot Identification and Management
- Site Prep, Reforestation, and Early Plantation Care
- Thinning and Pruning
- Tree and Shrub Identification
- Understanding Fish Habitat, Wetlands, and the Family Forest Fish Passage Program
- Wildlife Habitat Enhancements

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Who participated? Please describe your audience:

Non-industrial Private Forest Owners (aka “Family Forest Owners”) were the target audience. Most own between 5 – 5,000 acres, with mean parcel size of 45 acres. Most landowners are absentees, primarily living in western WA Puget Sound – Metro area. The Field Day gave residents and non-resident owners alike a chance to gain valuable knowledge and to unite with professional foresters who can help them accomplish their near- and long-term objectives.

How many people did your event or project reach?

One-hundred sixty-one (161) people attended the 8AM – 4:30PM event.

Include at least one photo highlighting some aspect of your event or project.

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Andy Perleberg, WSU Extension Forester, discusses managing forests for health, productivity, and wildfire safety at the 2025 Cle Elum “Forest Owners Field Day”.

(More photos readily available to share featuring youth, wildlife education, and other hands-on learning).