

2009 WSSAF STATE CONFERENCE ■ MAY 6-8  
KITTITAS COUNTY EVENT CENTER, ELLENSBURG, WA



**Program Tracks & Schedule**

■ **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Registration** -Teaway Hall
- 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Icebreaker** -Teaway Hall
- 6:00p.m. **Icebreaker speakers** –*Alan Crankovich, Kittitas County Commissioner* and *Bill Boyum, DNR, Southeast Region Manager*

■ **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. **Registration** -Teaway Hall
- 7:00-8:00 a.m. **UW/WSU Continental breakfast** -Teaway Hall - *Bruce Bare, Dean of UW College of Forest Resources* and *Keith Blatner, Chair of WSU Dept. of Natural Resource Sciences*

<b>General</b>	8:00 – 9:00 a.m. -Teaway Hall
<b>Session 1</b>	9:00 a.m. -Teaway Hall and Heritage Center
<b>Session 2</b>	10:00 a.m. -Teaway Hall and Heritage Center
<b>Session 3</b>	11:00 a.m. -Teaway Hall and Heritage Center
<b>Lunch</b>	12:00-1:30 -Teaway Hall <b>Cowboy Poet, Kevin Barnhart and USFWS Landowner Awards</b>
<b>Session 4</b>	1:30 p.m. -Teaway Hall and Heritage Center
<b>Session 5</b>	2:30 p.m. -Teaway Hall and Heritage Center

- 3:30 p.m. **Socializing opportunity, free time around Ellensburg, Historic Frontier Village**
- 5:00 p.m. **No-host bar opens** -Teaway Hall
- 6:00 p.m. **Banquet & Awards** -Teaway Hall ,
- 6:45 p.m. **Banquet Speaker** – *Peter Goldmark, Commissioner of Public Lands*

■ **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00-8:30 a.m. **Breakfast and business meeting** -Teaway Hall
- 9:00 a.m. **Field Tours** -USFS Iron Thin, **4 CFE credits**
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch** -Wind Farm
- 1:30 p.m. **Field Tour** -Wind Farm, Solar Farm
- 3:30 p.m. **Back in Ellensburg**



**Thursday session detail follows:**

<b>General Session</b>	<i>Butch Bernhardt, Director of Information Services, Western Wood Products Association – “Lumber Demand: Looking for the Light” – 1 CFE Credit</i>	
	<b>Ecosystem Services and Health</b>	<b>Forest Management and Markets</b>
<b>Session 1 -1 CFE</b>	<i>Glenn Kohler, Forest Entomologist, DNR – New bugs, diseases and trends in WA forest health</i>	<i>Tad Mason, CEO, TSS Consulting – Utilizing Woody Biomass; emerging technologies; making it work.</i>
<b>Session 2 – 1 CFE</b>	<i>Lorin Hicks, Director of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Plum Creek – Habitat Conservation Plans: Evolution, Intuition and Adaptation</i>	<i>Rance Block, Bill Richardson, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and George Shelton, DNR, SE Asst. Region Manager – Partnering on a Public Land Exchange, Landowner opportunities for habitat development</i>
<b>Session 3 – 1 CFE</b>	<i>Miles Hemstrom, Research Ecologist, Portland Forestry Sciences Lab – Active management to retain, sustain and grow large, old trees</i>	<i>Betsy Bloomfield, East Cascades Program Director, The Nature Conservancy - Collaborative approaches for landscape management, market opportunities, successful Tapash example</i>
<b>Session 4 – 1 CFE</b>	<i>Bill Vogel, Biologist, USFWS – NSO status update, Federal Recovery Plan, ESA tools for landowners</i>	<i>Adrian Miller, Director of Forest Management, WFPA and Paula Swedeen, Pacific Forest Trust - Prospects for Forest Carbon Markets in WA State</i>
<b>Session 5 – 1 CFE</b>	<i>Rick Brazell, Forest Supervisor, Colville National Forest - News from Region 6, Updates &amp; Changes</i>	<i>Rod Pfeifle, Forester, DNR – Forest Improvement Treatment program, government flexibility and ingenuity! Success story in difficult times</i>