

Forestland Management  
Meeting the Challenges



CONFERENCE - 2009  
WASHINGTON STATE  
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

KITTITAS COUNTY EVENT CENTER - ELLENSBURG, WA - MAY 6 - 8

If you are interested in attending this year's WSSAF State Convention on May 6, 7 and 8, please return the Attendee Registration form with your payment by Friday, May 1, 2009 (We will accept registration after this date, but registrations before May 1 are greatly appreciated). The registration form, payment options, detailed program information, local attractions, entertainment and more are available online at: <http://www.forestry.org/wa/annual/index.php> Payment can be made by credit card or by check.

**Registration includes:**

- Conference program
- Wednesday night ice breaker
- Thursday UW/WSU Forestry update breakfast
- Thursday lunch
- Thursday night awards banquet
- Friday morning business meeting breakfast

**The conference will have expert speakers with two program tracks**

- Ecosystem Services & Health
- Forest Management & Markets

**Additionally:**

- poster presentations
- exciting software and products
- awards
- up to 10 continuing education credits
- great food and drinks in a comfortable, relaxed environment – complete with historical displays, swimming center, a western museum and a cowboy poet!
- informal recruitment area\*



On the field tour we will be looking at a Wenatchee National Forest Service Late Successional Reserve (LSR) thinning in northern spotted owl habitat. The "Iron Thin Restoration Project" utilized several alternative approaches to meet habitat requirements, fuels reduction, and maintenance of legacy ponderosa pine and riparian areas. In addition, we'll explore opportunities for land managers to generate revenue and energy by touring the 229 Megawatt Wild Horse Wind and Solar Farm. For those attending the Friday Field Tour, there will be an additional charge of \$30 per person that will include a box lunch and transportation.

We have a preferred hotel rate at the Best Western Lincoln Inn and Suites until April 22nd, (just identify yourself as an SAF member) online at: <http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=48154>

For those wishing to make the 2009 conference part of a larger family trip, or if you desire to travel at low expense and great convenience, the Kittitas County Event Center offers RV camping and hookups.

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*\*Employers – if you have a job opportunity, you are welcome to bring recruitment material and company information. We will provide an informal recruitment area for you to share this information with conference attendees. What better place to find professional, qualified applicants!*

*Applicants – feel free to bring a resume to share in the informal recruitment area.*



*As has been done in the past, this year's annual meeting will feature a raffle to support the WSSAF Foundation. This Foundation was created to provide scholarships for forestry students and support other forestry education projects. If you can bring a donation for the raffle (e.g. clothing, product, etc.) it would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know what your donation plans are on the registration form so we can send the information to the raffle committee. If you desire, you can also make a cash donation, which can be used to sponsor a student registration or help with other SAF charitable and educational causes.*