

Forestry Update of May 4, 2009
for
Washington Association of Conservation Districts Officers and Directors Meeting

Forestry Expertise Survey

Laura Schell is verifying experience and contact information received from Districts. **The purpose of the expertise inventory is to find out where our expertise is (both geographically and subject-wise) and to make that information available to districts so we can share resources and identify gaps.**

Forestry Issues and Priorities

We asked each district and key folks their list of issues, priorities, implementation ideas to deal with those priorities, and training needs. Doug Rushton is reviewing the responses received (which were few) and combining them with what we heard at WACD in December, 2008, to come up with a draft plan in time for the WADE conference. **The purpose of the survey is to identify what we need to be working on, what the priorities are, and to serve as the basis for a forestry committee strategic plan**

WADE Conference <http://wade.scc.wa.gov/Events.html>

Al Craney has been leading the forestry segment of the WADE conference. There is a forestry track on Tuesday, June 16, with WACD Forestry Committee activities and 2009 goals set for 11:00 AM. The plan is to have the results of the survey, a preliminary plan draft, and the web page ready for the WADE training.

Web Site

The forestry committee web site is essentially ready to go; we simply need to 'flip the switch'.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Rushton
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