

Montana Forest Products Marketing News

MSU Extension Forestry

August 2006

Montana Tree Farm Annual Meeting September 30th

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 30th! The Montana Tree Farm Association is holding their annual meeting near Big Fork, Montana.

Although the agenda is not finalized, participants can plan on visiting the Tree Farm of Joan and Fred Hodgeboom. The Hodgeboom's

own a 150 acre parcel that they have been managing since 1972 with the long term objective of, "leaving the forest in better condition than when they acquired it."

To that end, Fred, as well as hired contractors, have conducted timber harvesting and sanitation operations, which were designed

to enhance wildlife habitat, create recreational opportunities, and provide income. An interesting aspect of the Hodgeboom's property is that it includes every tree species native to Western Montana's temperate forest types.

Click [here](#) for more info.

Inland Empire Dry Kiln Association Annual Meeting

The Inland Empire Dry Kiln Association is holding its annual meeting on August 4th and 5th at the Learning Center of Vaagen Brothers Lumber Inc., 565 West 5th, Colville, WA.

The agenda includes a tour of the Vaagen Brothers Sawmill the afternoon of Friday August 4th.

Saturday begins with a review of association business followed by presentations on: Air Flow Improvements and Tools to Monitor Performance by John Marone of Vaagen Bros., Kiln Preventive Maintenance by Wellons Inc., Kiln Optimization through Advanced Statistical Tools by Rich Magill, Signature Control. At the

end of the day there will be a round table discussion of kiln drying issues. Also included is a BBQ lunch catered by Vaagen Bros. Lumber Inc.

Register by contacting Joey Pavia at pavi9093@uidaho.edu Registration costs \$20 for IEDKA members and \$25 for non-members.

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Inland Empire Kiln Drying Workshop

On October 2-5 the University of Idaho Department of Forest Products is offering a workshop on the science and the profession of lumber drying.

The workshop will be in Moscow, ID on the UI campus and will include classroom instruction as well as hands-on experience in kiln operation.

Click [here](#) for more information.



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Montana State University Extension Forestry is a branch of the MSU Extension Service and is housed cooperatively with College of Forestry and Conservation at the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana.

The mission of Extension Forestry is to provide education and outreach to non-industrial private forest landowners, forestry industry, and other forestry-related organizations in Montana.

Extension Forestry carries out its mission by providing its stakeholders with educational workshops, publications, news-releases, brochures, and videos. Common topics include forest stewardship planning, forest insect and disease, windbreaks/living snow fences, alternative forest management practices, wildfire hazard reduction, forest products marketing, and tree pruning & care.

We're on the Web:

<http://www.forestry.umt.edu/hosting/forestproducts/index.htm>

Forestry Educational Calendar

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Association Annual Meeting
August 4th and 5th
Colville, WA
to register contact Joey Pavia at
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Montana Tree Farm
Annual Meeting
September 30, 2006
Big Fork, MT
view the agenda and register at
www.mttreefarm.org

Forest Stewardship
Workshop
August 17, 18, & 25
Yellow Bay, MT
call Caren Stewart at 243-2773

Small Scale Logging
Equipment Demonstration
October 7
Lubrecht Forest
call Caren Stewart at 243-2773

Forest Stewardship
Workshop
September 14, 15, & 22
Roundup, MT
call Caren Stewart at 243-2773 for info