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online about the
Forest Stewardship
Program

Forest Stewardship Program

**Assisting Washington's
Family Forest Owners**



WHAT IS THE FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM?

The Forest Stewardship Program is a cooperative effort between state forestry agencies and the USDA Forest Service. In Washington, the program is administered by the Department of Natural Resources Small Forest Landowner Office.

**“...IT'S
IMPORTANT
TO HAVE SOMEBODY
TO TURN TO THAT
REALLY HELPS YOU
EMBRACE THAT NOTION
OF STEWARDSHIP,
PROFESSIONALS TO TALK
TO ABOUT THE RIGHT
THINGS TO DO.”**

JON MATSON
Small forest landowner



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Request a DNR Stewardship Forester
visit by phone or email:
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Forest thinning can create income, improve tree growth and overall forest health, as well as reduce wildfire risk.



Stewardship foresters advise landowners on timber harvests, resource protection, forest health, wildfire risk, and many other topics.



The Forest Stewardship program helps small forest landowners improve fish and wildlife habitat, aesthetics and recreational potential.

What it does

The Forest Stewardship Program can help you:



- ▶ Evaluate and improve your forest's health;
- ▶ Reduce threats from wildfire, insects, diseases, animal damage and invasive vegetation;
- ▶ Improve your land's fish and wildlife habitat, aesthetics and recreational potential;
- ▶ Increase tree growth and economic productivity from timber and other forest products; and
- ▶ Qualify for financial incentives and recognition programs.



Forest Stewardship Plans can help you reach your management goals and sustainably manage your woodlands

A Forest Stewardship Plan also can help you qualify for financial incentive programs, forest recognition and certification programs, and help reduce property taxes.

GET STARTED ON YOUR PLAN TODAY

-  Call us: **360-902-1706**, or
-  Send an email to: **sflo@dnr.wa.gov**

Technical assistance and resources

-  **Onsite Consultation**
Forest Stewardship Program Foresters and Wildlife Biologist provide customized on-site forest management consultation and advice.
-  **Financial Assistance**
Your DNR Stewardship Forester can advise you about currently available financial incentive programs for forest improvement practices.
-  **Recognition**
Landowners with a DNR-approved Forest Stewardship Plan are eligible to display the "Stewardship Forest" recognition sign.
-  **Educational Programs**
Washington State University Extension cooperates with DNR and others to offer a variety of educational programs and resources for forest owners. **Get more information at forestry.wsu.edu.**