

Nominees for 2009 Washington Tree Farmer of the Year

Three Tree Farms have been nominated for 2009 Washington Tree Farmer of the Year. The winner will be announced at the Tree Farm Luncheon, which will be held May 29 in Ellensburg, WA, at the Washington Farm Forestry Association Annual Meeting.



Bill and Erin Woods
2008 King County Tree Farmers of the Year

The Woods family tree farm is located on the outskirts of Redmond. Their fifteen acre woodland has been actively managed for both wildlife habitat enhancement and timber production since Tree Farm certification in 1978. Bill and Erin have been very active in the Washington Farm Forestry Association, at both the chapter and state level. They have owned their forest for over 50 years.



Stan Mueller
2008 Lewis County Tree Farmer of the Year

The 203-acre Mueller-Sack Tree Farm is a showpiece for the use of commercial thinning to promote forest health and productivity. Purchased and certified in 1976 as Tree Farm #90, much of property, co-owned with John Sack, was converted at that time from pasture, brush, and alder to conifer plantations. It is located near Cinebar.



Bob & Mariella Arnold
2008 Pierce County Tree Farmer of the Year

Bob has used the Rapjohn Tree Farm as an educational hub for promoting sustainable forestry with local high schools, Green River Community College, and a wide variety of private organizations. Bob and Mariella purchased 90-acre Rapjohn, located near Eatonville, in 1971 and certified it with the American Tree Farm System in 1995.