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Looking to the Next Century, WFPA's Annual Meeting Kicks-Off 100th Anniversary

(Olympia, WA)—The Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA) will kick-off their 100th Anniversary celebration at this year's annual meeting on Thursday, November 15, at the Indian Summer Golf & Country Club in Olympia. The meeting will highlight the successes and challenges facing the forest industry, while also focusing on the 21st century vision for sustainable forestry as WFPA looks to the next 100 years of business in Washington State.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and will include distinguished presentations from Washington State leadership. Topics include climate change, rural economies, working lands initiative, competition in a global marketplace, and the future of the industry. Speakers include: representatives from Governor Chris Gregoire's Office; Commissioner of Public Lands, Doug Sutherland; Attorney General, Rob McKenna; Community, Trade & Economic Development director, Juli Wilkerson; and Department of Agriculture director, Valoria Loveland. The keynote speaker is former University of Washington head football coach, Jim Lambright.

In the afternoon, there will be presentations discussing business and technology trends in the industry as well as a vision for forestry over the next century.

“Our challenge at WFPA is to help the people of our state understand the real value that working forests provide to all of us. This meeting will address the challenges we face today and the choices we will have to make in the future to maintain working forests as a preferred land use,” WFPA Executive Director Mark Doumit said.

Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA) is a trade association representing private forest landowners in Washington State. Our members are large and small companies, individuals and families who grow and harvest trees on 4.2 million acres. WFPA was originally established in 1908 as a fire protection association. Now, we are committed to advancing sustainable forestry in Washington State to provide forest products and environmental benefits for the public, by establishing balanced forest policies that encourage investment in forestland, protection of fish, water and wildlife and promote responsible forest management as a preferred land use.

For a complete meeting agenda, please visit www.wfpa.org.

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