

Field Trip Agenda

0830- meet at Fire Hall, pass out agenda and directions

Stop 1: Don and Penny Sandberg to look at small landowner thinning. Address is 40827 Brown Road, driveway is right beyond the mail box, there is a stump with blue and red garland and a couple of flags on it. Follow the driveway back to the house. Plenty of parking.

Stop 2: Hog back mastication along 6 mile hill road. From the bridge over the Pitt River, go about 3.5 miles and there is a driveway that is gated. There is parking at the driveway area.

Stop 3: Hand piling at the junction of Cassel road and highway 299. Plenty of parking in the area directly to the east of the hand piling please be careful crossing the road.

Please obey all traffic laws!!!!

Notes:

The following individuals attended the field trip: Jean and Penny Rodgers, Susan and Bryan Krezanoski, Jim and Barbara Friday/Lawson, Wendy Bettencourt, ML Hazelwood, Ray Dombroski and Debbie Mayer.

The first stop was at Don and Penny Sandberg (Scott Carnegie joined us) where we talked about small landowner thinning projects. Don gave us the history of the 35 acres that they have owned for over 40 years. Scott told us the rules that they had to follow with the thinning under a state exemption – no cutting trees over 24 inches (this rule has since changed to 30 inches), that they marked the trees to be cut, and some of the challenges of removing the chips. We then walked round the property, and discussed treatments, brush, the project on the forest service side of the fence, and work some of the neighbors are doing.

The second stop was the mastication that BLM did on Hog Back ridge area. The group was able to see untreated areas (across the road) and the treated areas. We discussed costs, that with any treatment (thinning, mastication) you had to maintain it. Due to the heat (one of the hottest days of the year) the group decided to skip the third stop.