TO: Whatcom County Schools & 5th/6th Grade Teachers

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SUBJECT: 2006 Forest Conservation Tour

The 2006 Forest Conservation Tour for Whatcom County Schools is scheduled for May 1-4. This is the 48th year that the Conservation Tour makes possible for your students a "Day in the Woods" with forestry professionals. The two and one-half hour tour includes nine stations where a professional teaches an aspect of forests and forest management. The tour site is in the same location as previous years in the seed orchard on the Y Road. Each student completing the tour is given a forest seedling donated by the Whatcom Farm Forestry Association.

To sign up your class or school complete the attached registration form and return by February 28. This same form is also available from our website: http://whatcom.wsu.edu/environ/forest/index.htm [Please note that in some schools scheduling is done by the District Office]. We will do our best to accommodate your school's bus schedules and preferences. We will notify you by March 10 of your school's schedule.

A Teacher Guide explaining the stations of the tour as well as resource materials from the sponsoring organizations is now on our website at: http://whatcom.wsu.edu/environ/forest/index.htm A printed copy of the same guide will be delivered to your school or district office by March 18.

If you have any questions or want additional information please contact me in the WSU Whatcom County Extension Office at 360/676-6736 or email at fenske@wsu.edu.

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