

**The Renewable Resource Extension Act (RREA) at
Washington State University
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There are an estimated 100,000 family forest owners whose holdings total 3 million acres or nearly 20% of Washington's total forestland. Washington State University Extension (WSUE) provides education and research-based information to help family forest owners make ecologically and economically sound management decisions. In 2006, RREA in Washington leveraged 3 field educator positions and \$186,661 from the following sources: county \$60,301, state \$22,470, tribal \$18,110, other (corporate support) \$18,000, and in-kind services \$85,780.

Coached Forest Stewardship Planning Course: 125 family forest owners and others graduated from this 8-week course with improved knowledge and forest stewardship management plans for 11,145 acres of forestland. *“Coached Planning has been a great asset for my Tribal staff members, management forester and myself, and many of the practices we have learned will be used on the Lummi Reservation.”* Coached Forest Stewardship Planning participant and Natural Resources Program Manager, Lummi Nation, April, 2006.

Forest Owners Field Day: 365 family forest owners attended; sustainable forest and wildlife habitat management practices to be implemented on 12,775 acres.

Dungeness Demonstration Project: 1,200 feet stream habitat enhancement, 294 acres of upland habitat enhancement and wildfire protection, and 2,010 acres of family-forest land in a written Forest Stewardship Plan by this salmon recovery and watershed health project.

Pend Oreille Wildfire Education and Planning: WSU/Pend Oreille County Master Gardeners volunteers taught firewise landscaping resulting in contractor-provided fuels reduction treatments for nearly 400 homes. RREA also supports a local group that completed the first county-wide wildfire plan in Washington.

Sense of Place: A partnership with the Kalispel Tribe of Indians Natural Resource Department, the Pend Oreille Sense of Place program engages landowners in natural history and community and promotes stewardship practices. Workshops and a newsletter mailed to 1500 households (online at www.diggings.org) inspire actions that result in cleaner water, more wildlife habitat, and greater community engagement.

Logger Education: 142 loggers expressed an increased understanding of tree felling safety, electrical safety issues, bull trout issues, an understanding of how to prepare for timber harvest near water, and how to effectively manage fish passage. *“These workshops show the landowner that we are committed to good forest practices.”* Logger participant, March, 2006

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