

Managed-intensive Grazing in Western Washington

A 3-part course for anyone who manages livestock on pastures in the Northwest

In a series of three classes which blend classroom learning with hands-on site visits, livestock producers big and small will learn how to customize a management system that will enable their pastures – and their livestock – to reach their maximum production potential. High pasture productivity translates to enhanced profits, healthier environments, and happier livestock.

When: May 21st, June 20th, and July 24th

Register: WAPastures.brownpapertickets.com;
or call 360-867-2151

Cost: \$40/class or \$90 for full 3-part course

Includes lunch, refreshments, “Pasture and Grazing Management” handbook, and bus service to/from the site visits.



CLASS 1: Wed., May 21, 2014, 9am-5pm

Lectures: Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA

Site Visit: Colvin Ranch, Tenino, WA

- ❖ Principles of Grazing Management and Grazing Systems
- ❖ Assessing your Site Characteristics
- ❖ Growth, Development, Defoliation Responses of Forage

CLASS 2: Fri., June 20, 2014, 9am-5pm

Lectures: Saint Martins University, Lacey, WA

Site Visit: Fido's Farm, Olympia, WA

- ❖ Riparian Management, Water Quality Risk Assessment, and Monitoring Effects of Grazing
- ❖ Stocking Rate, Carrying Capacity, and Vegetation Management
- ❖ Small Ruminants: Breed Selection and Principles of Production

CLASS 3: Thurs., July 24, 2014, 9am-5pm

Lectures: Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA

Site Visit: Violet Prairie, Tenino, WA

- ❖ Livestock Nutritional Needs, Monitoring Health/Body Conditions, and Parasite Control through Pasture Management
- ❖ Improving Production with Prescribed Grazing Principles
- ❖ USDA Cost-Share Programs for Livestock Producers
- ❖ Considering Ecosystem Variation Across W.WA
- ❖ Navigating the Endangered Species Act

INSTRUCTORS:

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