

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Inland Empire Chapter *Fall 2005*



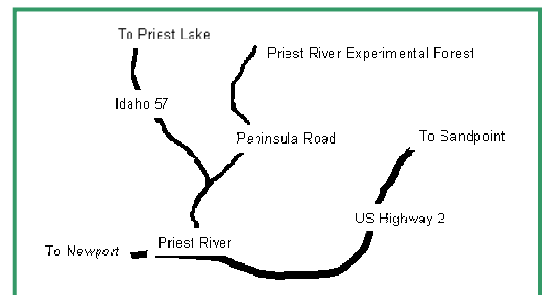
Fall MEETING

Friday, October 7, 2005

Directions to Priest River Experimental Forest

Meeting Location:
 Priest River Experimental Forest
 Peninsula Road
 Priest River, ID
 Phone: 208-882-3557 (Moscow)
 Web Site: <http://forest.moscowfsl.wsu.edu/ef/pref.html>

From Priest River, go north on Idaho 57 about 2 miles and turn right on Peninsula Road. Follow Peninsula Road for about 8 miles. The Priest River Experimental Forest is on the right side of the road.



The Fall Meeting Topic: Forest Conservation Issues

- 9:30 A.M. Registration.....Esther Patterson, Chapter Treasurer
- 10:00 A.M. Welcome.....Jeff Stewart, North Idaho Panhandle Director
- 9:35 A.M. SWCS Chapter Business MeetingTim Dring, Chapter President
- 10:30 A.M. History of the Priest River Experimental Forest.....Bob Denner, Rocky Mountain Research Station
- 11:15 A.M. Managing Forest SoilsGina Rone, Idaho Panhandle National Forest
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Forest Erosion Prediction ToolsBill Elliot, South Idaho Panhandle Director
- 1:30 P.M. Visit to erosion plot and forest fuel reduction sitesBob Denner and Brandon Glaza, Rocky Mountain Research Station
- 3:00 P.M. Closing Discussion.....Jeff Stewart, North Idaho Panhandle Director
- 3:15 P.M. Adjourn

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Autumn seems to be the time of year when I stop and smell the roses. I enjoy the cooler weather and it is a great time to be outside, working in the yard, hiking in the woods or (if I'm lucky) hunting. I love the feel of brisk, clear mornings that turn into warm afternoons, trees turning all beautiful colors, the smell of smoke from smoldering piles of debris in my neighbor's backyard, and of course, I also look forward to our Fall Meeting. This year we will be focusing on forest ecosystems at our Fall Meeting and it promises to be a remarkable opportunity to spend time with forest experts. Since I spend much of my time in wetlands this should also be a great chance for me to let my feet dry out. So if you, like me, enjoy fall colors, seeing wildlife, and the great smoky aroma of a forest fuel reduction site, than I hope I'll join me in attending our fall meeting.

Also coming this winter, we are planning to hold a conference on water resource issues in the inland northwest, in Spokane in January so be on the lookout for more information on this upcoming event. Hopefully we will have more information on the conference at the Fall Meeting. So until we meet in Priest River, take care and enjoy the autumn season.

Tim Dring, Inland Empire Chapter President

2005 Spring Meeting

Prosser, Washington:

Conservation education was the focus of the Spring Meeting at the Washington State University Prosser Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center. Rachel Little of the Benton Conservation District and Heather Wendt of the Franklin Conservation both gave presentations about their work with educating students on conservation issues. Following these presentations, Rachel and Central Washington Director Steve Rolph gave chapter members a chance to experience hands-on conservation by demonstrating the use of the Bureau of Reclamation's erosion trailer.

The day was capped with a tour of the Research and Extension Center. Center leader Bob Stevens explained some of the conservation research efforts of students and scientists at the center. Bob's talk illustrated the need for conservationists to keep up with the ever changing needs of agriculture.

Our thanks go to Rachel, Heath, Steve, and Bob for hosting a great meeting.

Attention Members!!

We now distribute the newsletter by email. If you received this newsletter by mail it was because we don't have your email address. Please send your email address to Ann Swannack at ann.swannack@wa.usda.gov. If you do not have email, we will continue to mail it to you.

2005 International Conference - Rochester, NY

by Geogie Leinweber, Chapter Vice-President

It was a great opportunity attending the SWCS convention in Rochester, New York, an area that encompasses 20% of the world's freshwater, the Great Lakes. I attended the Leadership Development Workshop right after arriving in New York. This was an excellent workshop, well planned and thought out. Our own Shelly Lassiter was involved with the content of this workshop. The "First Timers Orientation" the next day was a great place to get started and to meet new people from all over the U.S. as well as from foreign countries. I attended the Berg Fellows Forum, not as a Fellow as these are honored guests, but as an interested party in the topic "Water Quality Credit Trading". This was a lively session on regulation, mitigation and results.

A sight seeing trip with soil scientists gives you a whole new perspective of the landscape. A quick trip to Niagara Falls with 2 soil scientists, one from Arizona and one from Michigan found us stopping at road cuts or construction sites to look at and feel the soil.

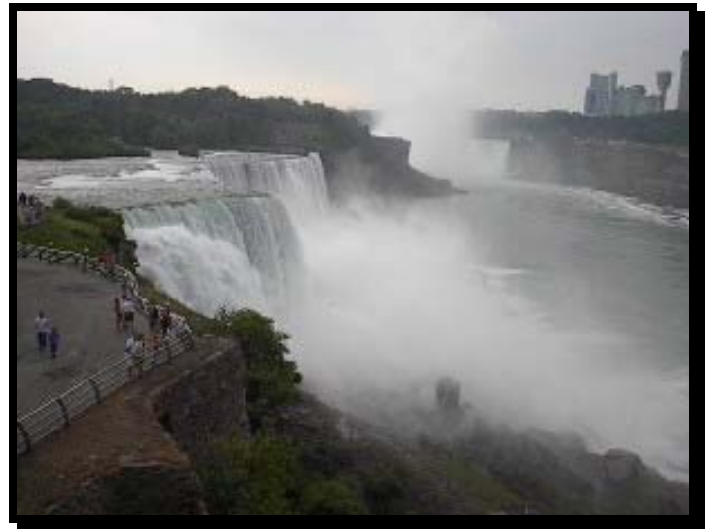
The convention continued with great speakers, some with strong and passionate messages, some with thought provoking messages. Networking opportunities abounded with an extraordinary gathering of state, national and international leaders. The whole experience was a great mix of learning and fun.



Field in Finger Lakes Region



Chapter member Shelly Lassiter at Niagara Falls with soil scientists from Arizona and Michigan



Niagara Falls

Fall Meeting Registration
October 7, 2005

Priest River Experimental Forest
Peninsula Road
Priest River, ID 99350-8694

PH: (208) 882-3557

Name: _____ Representing: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Advanced Registration - \$15.00 SWCS members \$20.00 non-members
At the Door - \$20.00 SWCS members \$25.00 non-members

For "**new**" memberships received at the door (\$75.00), the registration fee will be waived

Because this program includes a box lunch, we need to receive your registration by **Friday September 30, 2005** to provide an accurate count.

No refunds will be issued after October 1, 2005.

Send registration form and check payable to:

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