Panorama SAF Chapter News - May 2014

The chapter co-sponsored the 35th annual Stevens County High School Forestry Contest in April involving about 75 students and 15 volunteers. Bart chaired the event and Bill Berrigan (timber cruising) and Phil Anderson (forestry issues) were station instructors. We’ve had 2 meetings in 2014. At our first meeting, Jonathan LeBlanc, NRCS soil scientist, spoke about the effects of bracken fern on forest regeneration. At our second meeting, Leroy Day spoke about noxious weed issues on forest land. We’ve had decent member turn out at our meetings.

The big news of the chapter is that though Humanities Washington, a non-profit speaker’s guild, we will be hosting professional forest photographer John Marshall on October 22nd in Colville. Mr. Marshall has captured Central Washington forest fire images beginning with the massive Tyee and Hatchery Creek fires in 1994. He has kept a series of photo points through time documenting how the forest changes after such a devastating disturbance. Through his photo point presentation, he will lead a discussion on the importance of fire in the forest ecosystem and the corresponding federal fire policy issues. We are co-sponsoring the event with WFFA and ACF at the auditorium/theater at Colville Community College and will be covering his travel costs. The Humanities Washington organization requires the presentation to be free and open to the public. We will conduct an active public marketing and advertising campaign to encourage the public to attend this event.