

### **Northwest Region Field Trip, June 7-8, 2008**

There will be a Northwest regional field-based meeting for Forest Guild members June 7- 8. The tour on Saturday, June 7 will be hosted by Ken Bible and Guild member David Ford (both associated with the University of Washington) at the Wind River Experimental Forest near Stabler, Washington. The tour will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Wind River Canopy Crane Research Facility in the forest's Trout Creek division. The crane is 250 feet tall with a gondola attached to the 279-foot-long load jib that can be turned in a 550-foot-diameter circle. Two hours will be available for canopy crane lifts. After a BYO-brown-bag lunch, the field trip will continue for the afternoon in the gorgeous and classic old growth Doug-fir forest.

Saturday overnight accommodations have been arranged at Camp Namanu in Sandy, Oregon (about 55 miles from Stabler). The Sunday, June 8 tour at Camp Namanu will be hosted by Guild member Barry Sims, who is forest manager of Camp Namanu. The forest is mainly 100-year-old Douglas-fir, hemlock, cedar, and maple situated on a rugged terrain with many steep slopes. One trail accesses a ridge with residual old growth trees and views of the Sandy River. Current projects include thinning in Douglas-fir plantations to enhance diversity, recreational trail work, and small patch cuts. Their forest management plan is a good example of low-impact forestry where aesthetics and recreation are the primary objectives of the landowner.

To register or obtain more information about the Guild's June 7- 8 Northwest regional field-based meeting, please contact Jean Shaffer at [jeanforest@cco.net](mailto:jeanforest@cco.net).