Seventh Annual Timber Harvest Tour

Thursday, September 4, 2008

Join USU Forestry Extension, the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and the Utah Chapter of the Society of American Foresters for the Seventh Annual Timber Harvest Tour on the Wasatch Plateau in Central Utah. We plan to visit an active cable yarding operation in the Gooseberry Cabins area and inspect adjacent tractor logging operations on this spruce beetle salvage sale. We will also visit a property that has had several years to recover from a similar salvage operation to give participants a feel for the difference between a freshly harvested slope and one that has had several years to recover. Finally we will stop by a successfully regenerated aspen harvest (depending on road conditions) that is about eight years old and too thick to walk through. Landowners, loggers, and foresters will each share their point of view on the harvest operations and other aspects of land management. An afternoon snack will be provided.

Meet at 1:00 pm on Thursday, September 4, 2008 in Fairview, Utah, at Fred and Audrey’s store at the mouth of Fairview Canyon. We will carpool in 4x4 vehicles and plan to be back in town by 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Darren McAvoy by phone 435-797-0560 or e-mail Darren.mcavoy@usu.edu.

Dress for cool mountain weather, tour will continue rain or shine.