

Public meeting notice:

Keeping Farmland Available for Klickitat County Agriculture

Klickitat County is sponsoring a series of six public meetings in October and November 2008 to learn the public's input, preferences, ideas, and suggestions about how our community might better protect its open farm and ranch lands and keep them available for agriculture.

Meeting times, dates, and locations:

All meetings will be held **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the following dates and locations:

- **Centerville Grange #81, 2288 Centerville Highway, Centerville, WA 98613**
(Central Klickitat County)
 - Tuesday, October 21, 2008
 - Tuesday, November 18, 2008
- **Mountain View Grange #98, 1085 Main St., White Salmon, WA 98672**
(Western Klickitat County)
 - Wednesday, October 22, 2008
 - Wednesday, November 19, 2008
- **Alder Creek Grange #890, Main Street, Bickleton, WA 99322**
(Eastern Klickitat County)
 - Thursday, October 23, 2008
 - Thursday, November 20, 2008

Informational materials available:

A written discussion paper with background information on issues and options for supporting and protecting local agricultural lands, and other materials, will be available in advance of the meetings on line at the Klickitat County Planning website at: www.klickitatcounty.org/planning and on paper at the meetings.

Who should attend:

Citizens who care about the future of agriculture and of agricultural lands in Klickitat County are welcome to attend and participate. There will be a brief explanation of the process and introduction of the issues, but the bulk of the meeting will be a facilitated discussion by those attending in which they can express their views, ideas, concerns, and suggestions.

Written comments:

Written comments are also welcome. They should be sent to Don Stuart, American Farmland Trust, 3211 Beacon Ave. S #26, Seattle, WA, 98144 or by email to: dstuart@farmland.org.

Deadline: Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

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