

# Managed-intensive Grazing in Western Washington

**A 3-part course for anyone who manages livestock on pastures in the Northwest**

In a series of three classes which blend classroom learning with hands-on site visits, livestock producers big and small will learn how to customize a management system that will enable their pastures – and their livestock – to reach their maximum production potential, while also maintaining or promoting native habitat. If managed appropriately, high pasture productivity translates to enhanced profits, healthier environments, and happier livestock.



**When:** May 21<sup>st</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Register:** [wapastures.brownpapertickets.com](http://wapastures.brownpapertickets.com) or call  
360-867-2151  
**Cost:** \$40/class or \$90 for full 3-part course

Includes lunch and refreshments, and bus service to/from the site visits.

## **CLASS 1: Wed., May 21, 2014, 9am-5pm**

**Lectures:** Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA

**Site Visit:** Colvin Ranch, Tenino, WA

- ❖ Principles of Grazing Management and Grazing Systems
- ❖ Assessing your Site Characteristics
- ❖ Growth, Development, Defoliation Responses of Forage

## **CLASS 2: Fri., June 20, 2014, 9am-5pm**

**Lectures:** St. Martins University, Lacey, WA

**Site Visit:** Fido's Farm, Olympia, WA

- ❖ Riparian Management, Water Quality Risk Assessment, and Monitoring Effects of Grazing
- ❖ Stocking Rate, Carrying Capacity, and Vegetation Management
- ❖ Small Ruminants: Breed Selection and Principles of Production

## **CLASS 3: Thurs., July 24, 2014, 9am-5pm**

**Lectures:** Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA

**Site Visit:** Violet Prairie, Tenino, WA

- ❖ Livestock Nutritional Needs, Monitoring Health and Body Conditions, and Parasite Control through Pasture Management
- ❖ USDA Cost-Share Programs for Livestock Producers
- ❖ Opportunities for Integrating Native Prairie Species into Managed Grazing Systems in Western Washington
- ❖ Navigating the Endangered Species Act

## **INSTRUCTORS:**

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