

CFR501'ers,

Welcome to CFR501, Forest Community Ecology. The course web site is located at <http://courses.washington.edu/cfr501> and has course details. In just one month we will have our first class, followed by a three-day field trip to the Wenatchee National Forest.

### **Instructors**

Your instructors are Andrew Larson and Jim Lutz. Contact information is located on the course web page <http://courses.washington.edu/cfr501>. Because there are two instructors, and we share all aspects of running the course, please communicate with us through the email address [cfr501@u.washington.edu](mailto:cfr501@u.washington.edu). Both of your instructors will be in the field in the Sierra Nevada from September 9<sup>th</sup> to September 21<sup>st</sup>, and we will only be able to respond to questions sporadically during that time.

### **Readings**

During the course we assign most of Franklin and Dyrness (1988) as background reading. You will need fairly continuous access to this book throughout the term. It is a valuable reference and you should read the relevant chapter(s) before reading the week's scientific journal articles. Those people unfamiliar with the major vegetation species of the Pacific Northwest may want to get a head start on reading Franklin and Dyrness. Most of the course readings are recent journal articles. For a limited time only, please go to <http://courses.washington.edu/cfr501/share> and download them all.

### **Field trips**

The first field trip starts at 7am on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a considerable amount of background reading, data sheets and maps to peruse, etc. Please download the material for the first field trip from the course web site, print it, read it before the field trip, and bring it along. Please read the data collection instructions before the Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> discussion section. The field trips happen regardless of weather, which we hope will be nice! We will be camping, and if you don't think you have enough gear, please let the instructors know - we can probably arrange for a limited quantity of loaner gear. We will be eating dinners at a local emporium, so will not be cooking.

### **Survey**

In order to help us share our collective knowledge, establish discussion groups and make up teams for the first field trip, please fill in the survey at:

<https://catalysttools.washington.edu/survey/cfr501/37285>

We're looking forward to meeting you all Wednesday morning, September 26<sup>th</sup> in Anderson 008!